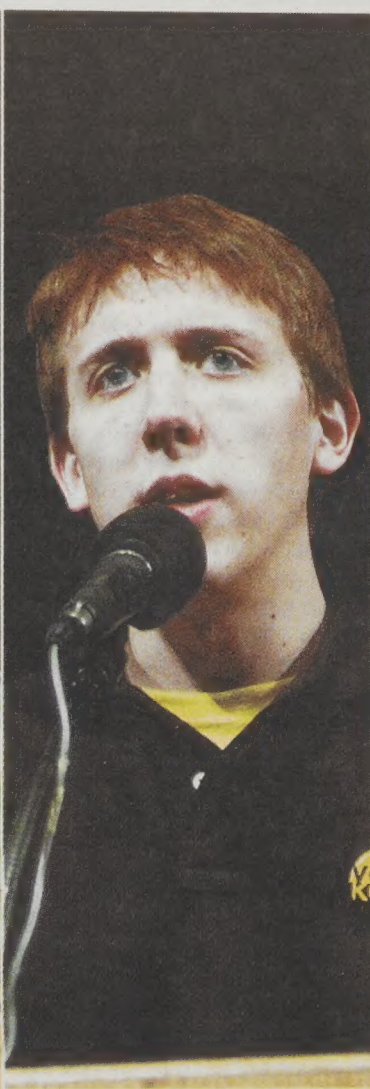


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SU election candidates face Horowitz forum



TAKE YOUR PICK Craig Turner, Mustapha Makhdoom, Kory Mathewson, and Jesse Hahn, the four candidates up for the position of SU President, fought it out one last time before the close of the campaigning period of the SU executive elections. Voting for all candidates commences on Wednesday morning and runs until Thursday.

As the campaign period winds down, the candidates took advantage of another chance to address students

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Deputy News Editor

Eleven Students' Union executive candidates and health plan referendum representative Kristen Flath endured the glaring lights of the stage on Monday afternoon as they took part in the annual Myer Horowitz all-candidates forum.

With classes for the noon hour cancelled, students filed in to hear each candidate discuss their platforms, ask questions of one another, and respond to queries from the crowd one last time before the polls open on Wednesday.

In the presidential race, a focus on student outreach, improvement of the campus experience, and the importance of student groups were apparent.

"I think that we need to fight for better food on this campus, we need to fight for better transit support, and we need to invest the Students' Union in an environmentally sustainable campus," stated Kory Mathewson.

Opponent Jesse Hahn took the mic next, touching on the broader issues facing students.

"As accessibility declines for qualified potential students, as student debt soars, as affordable housing becomes more precarious and contingent for

too many of us, as fees and tuition rise [...] It is more important than ever that students connect," Hahn said.

Craig Turner took Hahn's theory a step further.

"After the election season, the Students' Union spends far too much time inside of SUB and less time out and actually dialoguing with students. I want to change that. I want to make

contender Leah Trueblood followed and was very clear about her vision for the position's portfolio.

"My work as Vice President (Academic) will be shaped by the faculty associations because we need their help. The problem is that the SU and the University often agree [...] but despite agreement, we're not making progress," Trueblood explained.

"It is essential that proper steps are taken to ensure that Alberta remains one of the best places to live, work, and study in."

BEVERLY EASTHAM
VICE PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL) CANDIDATE

sure that executives are out and about chatting with you in exec kiosks," he explained of his plans to improve the relationship between the executive and its voting body.

Mustapha Makhdoom, the final candidate in the presidential race, reinforced his unorthodox tactics.

"I am from the future. I have already won this election. I don't need your votes, you llamas," he shouted to the audience of Horowitz.

Lone Vice President (Academic)

The Vice President (External) candidates addressed the crowd next, starting with incumbent Beverly Eastham, who focused on her experience and existing knowledge as a key strength.

"It is essential that proper steps are taken to ensure that Alberta remains one of the best places to live, work, and study in. In my work as Vice President (External) I am in an ideal position to continue with the Students' Union advocacy work during this critical time," she said in light of the economic recession.

The other two potential VPs also chose to focus on what makes their campaigns unique.

"What sets my platform apart is rural advocacy and student outreach," stated Faculté Saint-Jean councillor Aden Murphy.

"We all agree that we have to keep lobbying the government [...] and to make university education a priority for all Albertans. We need to get out to the places where the government's power is: the small towns."

On the other hand, Justin VannPashak stressed that his lack of direct SU experience provides him with a different perspective on the issues.

"Everything you do as VP (External) relies on the support and motivation of students behind it. I think in the end, what separates me from the candidates who are running against me is that I can relate to students," he observed.

In the other non-contested race, Vice President (Operations and Finance) hopeful Zach Fentiman concentrated his speech on the issue of space.

"The services that the SU has should be more prominent [...] They deserve to be showcased and have sufficient space in order to best serve and operate," he noted.

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Volley-Bears defend their national title

NICK FROST
Sports Editor

With the deafening roar of a sellout home crowd emanating from the Main Gym and the Alberta faithful waving towels and pom-poms in support, the Golden Bears volleyball team captured their second-straight CIS men's volleyball championship with a straight-sets victory (25-20, 25-22, 25-17) over the Laval Rouge et Or on Sunday night.

Getting the opportunity to once again hoist the Tantramar trophy as national champions placed a fitting book-end on a magical season that saw the Green and Gold go 22-0 between the regular season and play-offs, earning another Canada West Championship along the way. This year also marks the fourth time in eight-straight finals appearances that Alberta has come away winners from the national tournament.

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STEP work increases by 450 positions

SEAN STEELS
News Staff

With unemployment on the rise, students searching for work this summer might have it a bit easier thanks to the provincial government's \$1.9 million increase in funding to the Summer Temporary Employment Program (STEP).

STEP is a wage subsidy program offered under the province's Employment and Immigration department that pays a portion of temporary summer position wages in hopes of increasing the availability of summer jobs for Albertans. The funding increase brings STEP's yearly budget up from \$7.2 million to \$9.1 million for the coming year.

"The budget increase will improve summer job prospects for students and for other Albertans," said Dorothy Schreiber, STEP media spokesperson.

"This program is not only for students. It's also for other unemployed Albertans. But the thing is, because it's a summer temporary program, it is generally students who end up with the positions."

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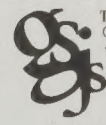
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Health plan an essential service: Flath

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From there, the final two candidates for the Vice President (Student Life) race tackled the issue of student apathy and involvement.

"The focus of the Students' Union should not just meet students' needs, but work to bring them together [...] Apathy is a buzz word, an excuse, and a hollow lie," proclaimed contender Nick Dehod.

His opponent Ian Clarke drew on past experience as preparation for the position, touting his ability to reach students.

"I am able to bring problems to the people or committees that are most capable of finding the solutions. With this improved infrastructure for services, students will be able to pick and choose how they want to improve themselves," Clarke said.

Closing up the forum for the afternoon was Kristen Flath, the representative for the "Yes" side of the health and dental plan referendum. She pointed out the fact that the University of Alberta is one of the few major universities in the country without a plan, and she feels it's time to change that.

"For students who need it, this plan will provide essential coverage on things such as dental, vision, prescription drugs, and travel insurance. For those who don't need it, they can opt-out without documentation or previous requirements," Flath detailed of the proposed plan's contract.

The forum concluded with Chief Returning Officer Patrick Wisheu reminding everyone that it's as easy as the click of a few buttons on the SU's website, thanks to online voting, to get out and cast a ballot this Wednesday and Thursday.

VP (External) candidates reinstated in race

After being removed from the campaign, Eastham and Murphy appeal to DIE Board

 JENNIFER HUYGEN
 Senior News Editor

Vice President (External) candidates Beverly Eastham and Aden Murphy are back in the ballot after each successfully appealed a ruling that saw both temporarily removed from their race for the Students' Union executive position.

Chief Returning Officer (CRO) Patrick Wisheu released his fourth and fifth rulings last Thursday to remove incumbent Beverly Eastham and Faculté Saint-Jean councillor Aden Murphy from the running for the VP (External) position after it was discovered that neither had taken a leave of absence from Students' Council.

Wisheu was informed Thursday afternoon that neither candidate had filed a leave of absence notification with the Speaker of Students' Council nor the Administrative Assistant to Council.

He submitted the ruling under the section "Restrictions on Candidate Nominees" in SU Bylaw 2000, which requires that all candidates running for an executive position in a contested race must take a leave of absence from their position on Council.

When informed of their removal, both Eastham and Murphy filed an appeal to the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement (DIE) Board seeking to overturn the decision of the CRO.

"[I approached] DIE Board by explaining the mechanics and the wording of bylaw and what it instructed me to do in my position, and then going into the evidence I had received from the Admin Assistant to Students' Council and the Speaker,"

Wisheu explained.

Eastham, represented by her agent Scott Nicol, successfully overturned her ruling Friday morning, appealing on the grounds that she had taken a leave of absence from her current executive position consistent with how it had been performed in previous years.

Eastham argued that because her position on Students' Council is subordinate to her role as VP (External), the official documentation she provided to various groups stating that she was taking a leave of absence from her executive position automatically extended to her seat on Council.

"[I was] quite surprised, because I figured that I had done everything that was required of me to remove myself of my vice presidential [role] and the subsequent positions that that gives me," Eastham said of her response to the original ruling.

"You can only have one seat on Students' Council, and my seat is because of my position as Vice President (External), which I had taken a leave of absence from and which [Wisheu] didn't contest that I had taken a leave of absence from."

In the decision issued by DIE Board, it was made clear that Eastham's actions and the evidence she presented were sufficient to meet the definition of a leave of absence from all of her currently-held SU positions.

Murphy's hearing followed Friday afternoon, where he argued—and DIE Board accepted—that his physical

leave from Council was sufficient evidence of taking a leave of absence, no formal contact person is indicated in Bylaw 2000. He also maintained that his leave was valid as his nomination package was accepted by the CRO twelve days earlier and he had not heard of any committed indiscretions relating to Council until Thursday.

DIE Board also discovered that CRO had received three late notices of a leave of absence from three other councillors also participating in the executive race, submitted on Saturday immediately following the nomination deadline.

"It became apparent that [...] the rules were being applied unfairly between candidates," Murphy explained.

"I think that [DIE Board] interpreted Bylaw 2000 kind of along the intent of the bylaw, perhaps where the CRO could have. I felt that they did a very good job following the bylaw and making sure the Students' Union elections didn't lose a lot of credibility due to a technicality, which was a very serious concern with the CRO rulings."

Murphy, Eastham and Wisheu agreed that SU Bylaw 2000 will need to undergo a series of changes when Council meets again in one week time.

"We really want to remove any ambiguity and make sure that the Council never has to choose between what's legal and what's good for the Students' Union elections," Murphy concluded.

RETRACTION

In the 26 February edition of the Gateway an article entitled "Retired U of A prof authors book on AB Stonehenge" was printed. After publication, it was found to contain similarities to a previous article written by the Canadian Press and printed in the *Toronto Star* on 29 January. The Gateway remains committed to the highest standards of producing original work and as such has retracted the article.

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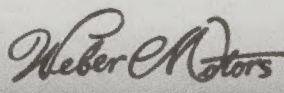
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Minister of Environment talks about regional sustainability initiatives

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Deputy News Editor

The Honourable Rob Renner, Minister of Environment for the province of Alberta visited the University of Alberta campus on 24 February to meet with faculty members and students to get a better grasp of the University's green initiatives. Renner sat down with the Gateway to talk environmental issues and discuss what the future holds for Alberta.

The U of A has been taking steps towards creating a greener campus by starting events like Eco Week and implementing a composting system in the Students' Union Building. How do you feel that the government can support the U of A and others with these kinds of initiatives?

I think, if nothing else, we can support them from a moral perspective and encourage it [...]. Most people, when you ask them whether or not we should do something about the environment—climate change in particular—80 per cent of them say "yes." But unfortunately, when you start to dig a little bit deeper, there are many people out there who believe that it's something that somebody else has to do [...]. I would like to think that a campus audience would probably be a little more engaged and have a better understanding that we have to have personal involvement if we're going to be successful.

Is there one specific project that you

are currently working on that you feel could impact postsecondary institutions in the province?

Within Alberta Environment I would suggest that the work that we're doing on water and water allocation won't obviously directly impact on universities, but it certainly will have implications in the long term—if only because I think it will create opportunities for policy development for some of the students that are engaged in those kinds of things to become involved.

The "Water for Life" strategy has been a focus for you. Can you talk a little bit about this strategy and why you feel accessibility to water is an important issue for Albertans?

"Water for Life" is dealing with a couple of different aspects. One is ensuring that we have safe drinking water [and] waste water systems within the municipal populations in the province. The other aspect is ensuring that we have sufficient safeguards in place to protect the environmental integrity of our water systems, whether they be in the north or the south. Watersheds are something that we can no longer take for granted.

The topic of the oilsands in Fort McMurray is one of the most hotly contested debates on campus, as the economic benefits are weighed against the environmental impacts. How do you feel about the oilsands, as both a source of revenue for the province, but also as a contributing

factor that negatively impacts the environment?

Well, everything we do has the reality of impacting on the environment. What we're committed to do is to develop resources, oilsands included, in a sustainable way, in a responsible way. There's absolutely no doubt that the development of the oilsands is a significant economic driver, not only in Alberta, but in Canada and North America. A significant amount of investment we see here in Alberta is driving suppliers literally around the world. That being said, we have to make sure that we've got significant and necessary safeguards in place to ensure that we're protecting the environment and developing those resources responsibly.

The oilsands strategy is a government-wide document that puts in place a 20-year plan that shows how we're going to take into account the cumulative effects—not only from the environmental perspective, but also from a social perspective. What are the implications on health, populations, and how are we going to provide services for health and education? How are we going to develop oilsands in a responsible way? [...]. The most important part of that document is that it recognizes that this isn't one single department of the government that's responsible—it's not just environment, it's not just energy, it's not just infrastructure—it's all working together.

In terms of Alberta's land use framework, what do you think are the areas that require the most attention in



PETE YEE

YES, MINISTER Renner was on campus last week to talk environmental policy.

order to maintain a balance between preserving the environment while still taking the economic factors into consideration?

From an environment perspective, some of the key things we want to see incorporated into these regional plans is a recognition of watersheds and headwaters. Alberta relies almost exclusively on glacial melt and snow pack in the mountains for water, so when you talk about land use it's important to recognize where a lot of this water originates.

The other part that I think is important for us from a land-use perspective is maintaining sufficient amount of coordination between the forestry, oil and gas activity, [and] agriculture, so that we can be prepared to deal

with the impacts of climate change.

In the coming years, what do you think will be the greatest challenges facing Alberta environmentally and economically?

We have to make sure we continue to recognize that environmental policy and environmental issues are not short-term. What we do today will have a dramatic impact on the future. We can't allow ourselves to be lulled into relaxing environmental standards because we've got a sluggish economy now. One thing we know for sure is that it's cyclical. We'll see an economic upturn and when that happens we have to make sure that we don't regret the decisions we made during the downturn.

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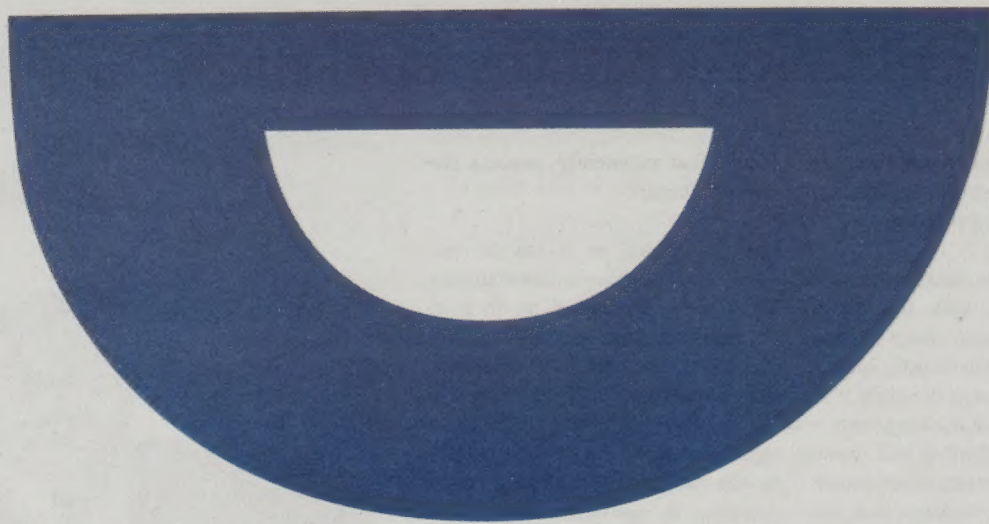
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Funding used for subsidies

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The funding increase will raise the number of positions sponsored by STEP by nearly 450, increasing their total to 2100 jobs. The \$1.9 million increase will be devoted entirely to wage subsidization.

Schreiber explained that one of the motivations behind the increase was the current economic downturn. Finance minister Iris Evans announced last month that a projected 15 000 jobs would be lost in Alberta over the coming year.

"Given the economy, the feeling on behalf of the provincial government and STEP is that these kinds of programs that have employers create more job opportunities for Albertans should be supported," Schreiber said.

Some students might even obtain STEP subsidized positions without being aware of it. The program doesn't require that its employers advertise their involvement in the subsidization of a position.

In addition to helping provide jobs for students and down-on-their-luck Albertans, STEP also uses its choice of employers to bolster the community. STEP only subsidizes employment positions for not-for-profit organizations, First Nations bands, Metis settlements, municipalities, regional health authorities, and postsecondary institutions.

"Groups such as these often work on very tight budgets. They don't have a lot of resources but are doing excellent work

in our community," Schreiber said.

"We can help them by subsidizing their employees' wages by up to \$7 an hour and then the employer tops that up. This subsidy is the kind of thing that enables these programs to go from bringing one summer employee in to two. That can make a big difference for them."

STEP sponsored jobs come in a wide assortment, from museum interpreters and tourism ambassadors, to manual labour and childcare positions, depending on the employer.

"These kinds of summer jobs can give people good work experience and work experience related to their studies"

DOROTHY SCHREIBER
STEP MEDIA SPOKESPERSON

To help ensure job stability, STEP also requires that the positions it subsidizes be full-time postings that provide students employment for a minimum of 30 hours a week. They also prioritize employers who post jobs the closest to their

16-week maximum time frame in length.

As Schreiber explained, STEP positions can also be good for more than just summer employment. Many of their employers also use the program to connect with students in hopes of turning their summer positions into full-time jobs.

"These kinds of summer jobs can give people good work experience and work experience related to their studies," she explained.

"In addition they might lead to long-term employment. This program is a win-win for employers and employees."

Report card shows high food costs

PETE YEE
Photo Editor

According to the Heart and Stroke Foundation and their recently released 2009 Health Report Card, high food costs are proving that eating healthy is becoming a privilege. As the first of its kind to span the country, the study revealed that the costs of healthy foods have risen to the point that affordability becomes a pressing issue.

Health researchers across Canada, including Dr Kim Raine, director of the Centre of Health Promotion Studies at the University of Alberta, were surprised by the findings.

"The results were not surprising, but perhaps even more dramatic than I would have expected. I've been doing research in the area of food prices for six years," Raine explained.

"I was really surprised to see the magnitude of the differences [regionally] [...] This just goes to show the huge differences that really affect what people can afford," she added.

The study was conducted in 66 cities across Canada, including Fort McMurray, Grande Prairie, Brooks, Calgary, and Edmonton. Last October, volunteer participants were given a list of essential items to purchase in baskets at major grocers.

"[The baskets] were inspired by the Canadian Health Food Guide. [They were] an expansion and updated version of what they have done in the past," stated Natalie St Denis, external relations manager with the Alberta Heart and Stroke Foundation office.

Dr Marco Di Buono, the director of research at the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario, also noted

that Canada Health's "nutritious food basket" was used in addition to the food guide to determine some of the barriers to healthy eating.

"[The basket] would look at the cost of the overall shopping bill and track inflation based on how the bill changed over time," Di Buono mentioned.

Items included lean meats, fresh fruits and vegetables, grains, and dairy. The survey found that the majority of the prices of these items in Alberta were higher than the national average.

Even with the increased cost, there are still ways to manage a healthy diet by being a smart shopper. Raine suggests finding locations with the best prices and alternatives, and to share bulk items.

"Individuals can do their best to carpool to a grocery store that offers cheaper prices, doing their best to

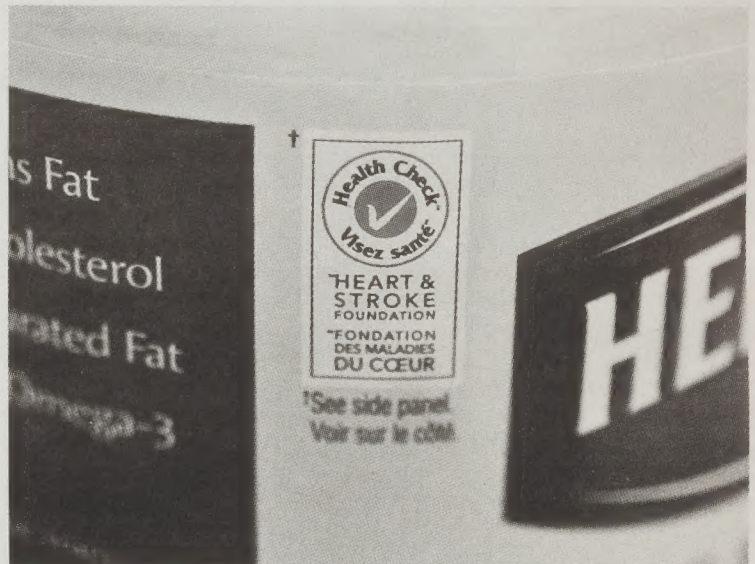
budget [and] do their best to share," Raine said.

Frugal consumers can also find alternatives, such as frozen and canned items, and to look for items with the Health Check symbol.

"[The] Health Check program [includes] a variety of foods in the store with the logo if the product in the store has that logo; it passes all the regular standards that are put out by the Government of Canada," St Denis said.

According to Di Buono, there are options available for purchasing cheap and healthy foodstuffs, but consumers also have to start questioning why the prices are increasing and why such a large variation in price exists.

"The reality is that it's important for people to engage in a discussion with the people who manage the food supply for their communities," he explained.



CYRIL BALITBIT

SEAL OF APPROVAL It can be difficult to balance healthy food with a tight budget.

The University of Alberta Accounting Club and the CRA are hosting a free tax clinic. The clinic is for students as well as low-income families. The clinic will be held on campus in the Tory Business Atrium.

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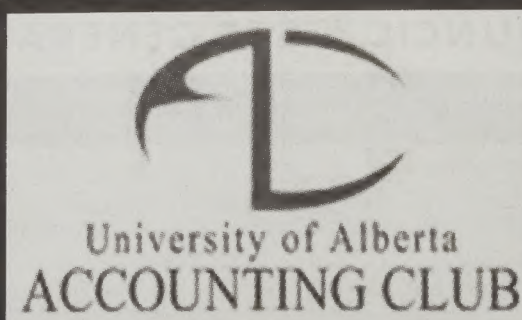
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NINT researchers link silicon atoms to energy-saving quantum dots

DEMMI CONNOLLY
News Writer

Researchers at Canada's National Institute for Nanotechnology (NINT) and the University of Alberta have discovered the ability of individual silicon atoms to exhibit the same electronic properties as quantum dots. The new discovery has opened up the door to further research on the potential of quantum dots to help realize more efficient computer-related technologies.

Dr Robert Wolkow, a professor of physics at the U of A, explained how electronics at this time waste an enormous amount of energy, and quantum dots hold the potential to lower amounts of power consumption.

"It turns out we can't make chips—we can't make computers—any smaller and any faster, soon. People have been looking for a decade now for alternate technologies and this [use of individual silicon atoms]

is [an] example," Wolkow said.

Quantum dots are little pockets of a few thousand atoms which act in unity, like one big atom. Because of their properties, they hold great potential as building blocks in future technology.

Working with smaller quantum dots that are less than one nanometre in diameter—as opposed to the earlier dots measuring between two and ten nanometres in diameter—leads to a more stable working environment, and thus more ability for researchers to manipulate the atoms and make more advances.

"Big quantum dots require low temperatures and very few disturbances to maintain perfect control. Little quantum dots can tolerate rather robust bangs and bumps from high temperatures and still maintain precise control over the electron state," he said.

Silicon, being a less exotic material and highly understood, contributes to the ease of research that allows today's

technology to be applied to future hybrid technology.

"There is a great advantage to trying to build the technology that uses standard tools and standard materials, and the most standard thing is silicon," Wolkow remarked.

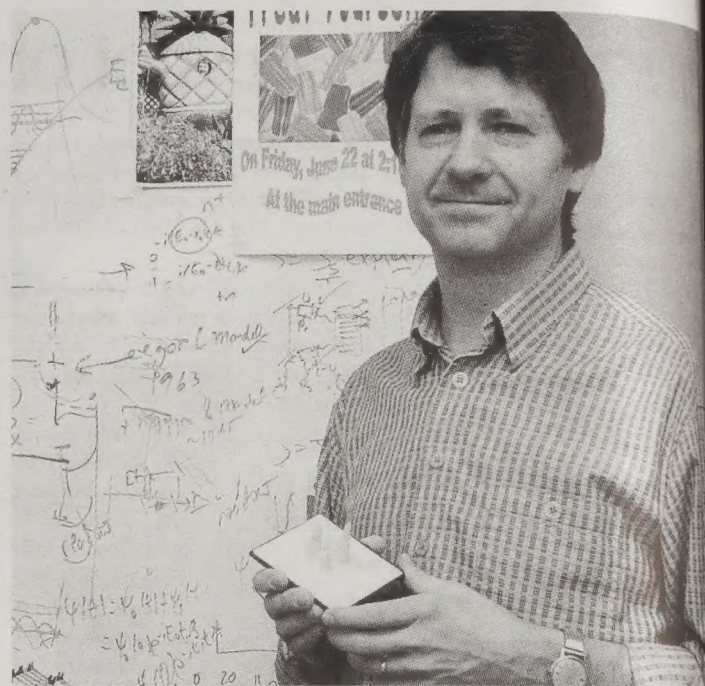
"We have so many advanced methods for handling and fabricating with it, so there's seemingly an easing of the transition from today's technology to perhaps a hybrid technology with new elements and old elements."

This use of silicon atoms in research is expected to lead to advances in technology, such as energy conservation.

"The biggest thing is low power. We dream about a thousand times less power to run a computer [...]. It's a very green technology," he added.

Wolkow's discovery is likely to lead to massive advances in nanotechnology.

"[A computer could be] about a thousand times smaller. So really a speck of dust."



QUANTUM LEAP Dr Wolkow discusses the potential of atom-sized quantum dots

Students' Union Employment & Volunteer Opportunities | Corrections

TERMS OF OFFICE: MAY 1 2009 TO APRIL 30, 2010 (IN MOST CASES) | **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** MONDAY MARCH 9, 2009, 5:00 PM NO EXCEPTIONS
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For further information contact the VP Academic John Braga at 492-4236.

Interviews scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, starting at 5:00 pm.

Associate Vice President External

Reports to the VP External. Assists with organization of on and off-campus events designed to introduce members of the community and prospective students to the Students' Union and the U of A.

For further information contact the VP External Beverly Eastham at 492-4236.

Interviews scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, starting at 5:00 pm.

Associate Vice President Student Life

Reports to the VP Student Life. Assists with the programming, events and the volunteer management components of the Student Life portfolio as well as other duties.

For further information contact the VP Student Life Kristen Flath at 492-4236.

Interviews scheduled for Thursday, March 19, starting at 5:00 pm.

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For further information contact Catherine van de Braak: ea@su.ualberta.ca

Interviews scheduled for Monday, March 30 starting at 5:00 pm.

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STUDENTS' UNION BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Academic Relations Group

- Participate in activities raising student awareness of academic issues
- Assists and advises the Vice President Academic on academic issues.

For further information contact the VP Academic John Braga at 492-4236.

Interviews scheduled for Monday, April 6, after 5:00 pm.

Campaign Planning And Action Committee

- Assists and advises the Vice President External
- Is actively involved in planning and implementing SU campus campaigns and events

For further information contact the VP External Beverly Eastham at 492-4236.

Interviews scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, after 5:00 pm.

Awards Selection Committee

- Selects annual SU award winners
- Involved in numerous aspects of planning annual awards night

For further information contact the Executive Assistant Catherine van de Braak: 492-4241.

Interviews scheduled for Wednesday, April 8 after 5:00 PM

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

For further information on Standing Committees contact the VP Academic John Braga at 492-4236.

Interviews scheduled for Monday, April 6, after 5:00 pm.

Committee On Occupational Health & Safety & Environmental Issues

- To recommend policy and serve as the focal point for consideration of policy issues in the University community.

Faculty Based Information & Communication Technology Steering Committee

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Onecard Advisory Committee

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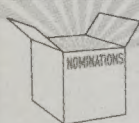
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- The Senate's responsibility is to inquire into any matter that may enhance the image of the University and act as a link between the University and the public. The Senate may also authorize the conferring of Honorary Degrees. MEETS: Four times yearly

Interviews are scheduled for Monday April 6 beginning after 5:00 pm

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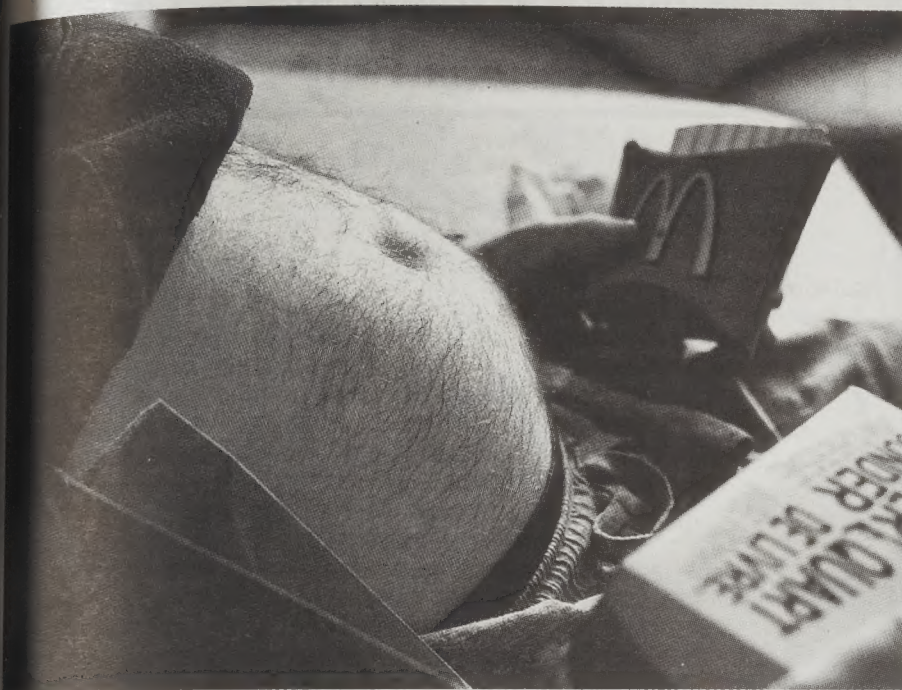
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Agricultural, Life & Environmental Sciences	1	2	Engineering	4	5	Open Studies	1	0
Arts	6	8	Law	1	1	Physical Education & Recreation	1	1
Augustana	1	1	Medicine & Dentistry	1	1	Pharmacy	1	1
Business	2	3	Native Studies	1	1	Faculté Saint-Jean	1	1
Education	3	4	Nursing	1	1	Science	6	9

U of A professor collaborates on system to prevent obesity



CYRIL BALITBIT

SUPER SIZE THAT? A research initiative led by Dr Arya Sharma has classified obesity into various staging levels in an attempt to better treat the symptoms associated with the disease in patients.

DEMMI CONNOLLY
News Writer

Obesity has become a serious issue in the health world today, leading a University of Alberta researcher to develop a new staging system with the hope to provide better care and prevention for patients facing the problems of being overweight.

Dr Arya Sharma, a professor of Medicine and Chair for Cardiovascular Obesity Research and Management at the University of Alberta, and Dr Robert Kushner, a researcher from Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois have collaborated to attack the preventable problem by applying specific treatments corresponding to their new categorizations.

The system marks five separate stages of obesity—zero labelling a person who shows no signs of obesity and moving upwards to a ranking of four, in which the patient has a case of severe obesity. The categorization of the patient is based upon the symptoms of the condition, such as high cholesterol, high blood sugar, or a history of health problems in the family, and the patient is treated specifically according to which stage he or she is categorized in.

According to Sharma, the new Edmonton staging system will provide doctors with a better and less traditional way of categorizing patients.

"If you only use Body Mass Index (BMI) to [categorize] our patients, then you end up with a lot of patients who may have the same BMI but have quite different health risks, and therefore the staging system takes into account how sick people are," Sharma stated.

"Obesity is the root cause of many of our

chronic diseases and so if you can control obesity, then you can actually prevent many other health problems like diabetes, heart attacks, strokes, knee problems, reflux disease, [and] liver problems," he noted.

In order to prevent patients from becoming diagnosed with serious problems, Sharma pointed out the need to keep them away from the root causes of obesity in the first place.

"Obesity treatment helps with prevention because treating obesity means that you reduce your risk for other chronic diseases [...] like high blood pressure, diabetes, heart attacks, and what have you," Sharma said.

"Obesity is the root cause of many of our chronic diseases and so if you can control obesity then you can actually prevent many other health problems."

DR ARYA SHARMA
U OF A PROFESSOR

The new obesity staging system is expected to be a wake-up call to patients who wouldn't have recognized their dangerous advancement towards obesity in the past and acts as an effective deterrent against further stages of the disease.

According to the World Health Organization, approximately 700 million adults will be categorized as obese by the year 2015.

DIPPING INTO THE PRIVATE STASH

In mid-afternoon on 1 March, officers stopped a suspicious male on the main floor of the Clinical Sciences Building. He was known to Campus Security and appeared to be under the influence of drugs. He was issued a trespass notice and directed off property.

APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY 101

At about 4:30pm on 28 February, officers were called to a report of a disturbance in the Biological Sciences Building. An undergraduate student apparently became aggressive and confrontational toward a research assistant when he was told that he couldn't participate in a psychological research project after showing up late. The student was escorted from the building and Code of Student Behavior charges are pending.

IT'S A HUB KNOCK LIFE

Just before lunch hour on 28 February, CSS attended to a call in HUB, responding to a report of a group of suspicious males panhandling. The men were identified as persons who had previously trespassed on campus. Two of the men were issued summons for trespassing and left campus via the LRT.



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CAMPUS CRIME BEAT

Compiled by Mike Otto

TONIGHT'S SPECIAL: STOMACH PUMPS

Just after 3am on 2 March, CSS officers were called to Lister Centre regarding a severely intoxicated male. The resident had consumed approximately 16 shots of liquor over the course of three hours. He was assessed to not be in need of an ambulance and was left in the care of sober friends.

SUSPECTED LAUNDERING

Around 7pm on 1 March, an officer located a female sleeping outside of a laundry room in Newton Place Residence. She was identified and determined to have numerous outstanding warrants across Canada including criminal convictions for theft.

She was issued a trespass notice and escorted off campus.

Designer babies an ethical conundrum

IT WAS BOUND TO HAPPEN EVENTUALLY AS technology advanced, but that doesn't make it any less wrong. In Los Angeles, a fertility clinic has just admitted that they will start allowing parents to make "designer babies" by individually selecting and controlling traits such as eye colour in their soon-to-be-born children. As well, the company says that they will offer sex selection of children.

Now, I'm no Luddite. Assisted reproduction technologies have helped thousands of hopeful couples bear children who otherwise wouldn't have the ability. However, the laws surrounding these practices still haven't been clearly established in most countries. One only has to look at the case of Octo-Mom to see the potential for abuse with such techniques. And in a world where our technology always seems to be two steps ahead of the laws that govern it, "designer babies" cross the line of what's moral.

The entire idea that sex selection of embryos should be allowed is absurd and should be illegal in any country that's trying to establish ethical boundaries for artificial reproductive techniques, simply due to what it can do to the population. Sex selection is now currently used in countries like China to typically decrease the likelihood of a female birth, and the country is now seeing a dramatic shift in their population dynamics, where there are millions more males than females, which undoubtedly makes finding a mate hard. While it's unlikely that this would happen in America, since the inherent cultural stigma against female children doesn't exist, there's still the possibility that parents could choose to have an entire family of boys.

But the ability to design a child is equally bad, even though it might not immediately seem so. Selecting a baby's eye or hair colour doesn't appear to be all that extreme, but it sets a precedent. It means that babies can have traits picked. Who gets to assume the ethical and moral authority to draw the line for what can and can't be selected? One would have to choose whether our technological use ends at specific physical traits, or if we should give children stronger hearts and higher intelligence too. And the ability to end genetic illnesses would be possible, but it's discriminatory to say that certain neurological traits need to be "fixed." Functional adults with conditions such as high-functioning autism and others who were born deaf have argued that these characteristics are part of who they are and should be left be.

All of this has the potential to lead us down the road to a Gattaca-like society where people can be stereotyped against based on their genetics.

As well, such technology doesn't consider the children being produced and the stigma that could be attached to being a "designer baby." Imagine finding out that any or all of your traits—those things that make you who you are—weren't a product of natural selection (or God, if you're a believer), but were chosen because your parents wanted you to have blue eyes or long legs. Similarly, finding out that you were smart because you were "made that way" could devastate someone. This could lead to a profound lack of individuality, a loss of self-esteem, and psychological problems in people that this technique was performed on.

While Canada has the Assisted Human Reproduction Act to regulate such techniques, no such law exists yet in the US, opening up the country to abuses such as this. Assisted reproductive techniques have a lot of positives, but it's too dangerous to leave them unregulated. If we do, we open up the risk to a procedure where babies are born beautiful, healthy, and exactly the way we want them to be, because they were created at the expense of their own humanity.

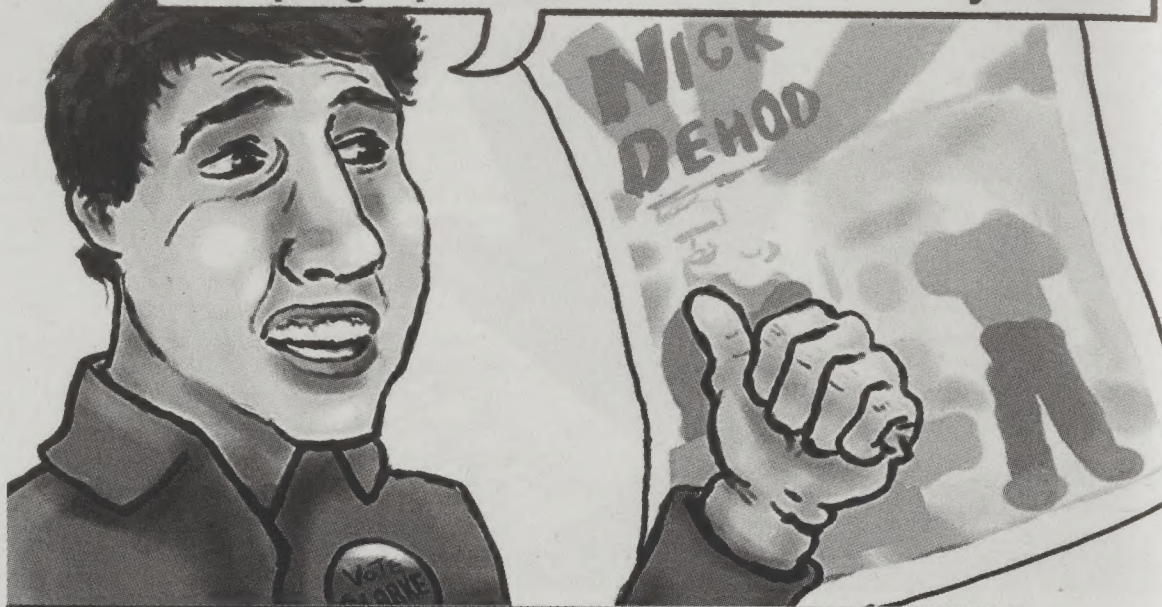
JOHN KMECH
Arts & Entertainment Editor

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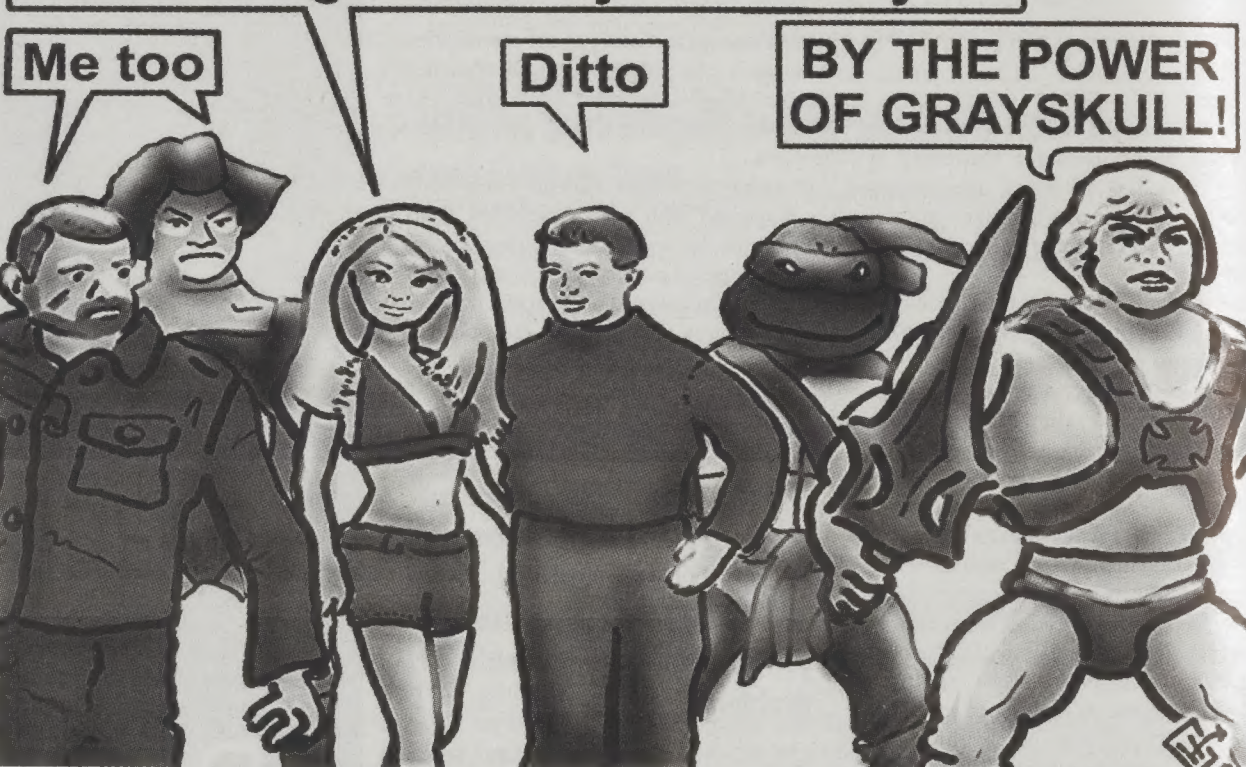
The Pope likes Darwin
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What the hell is up?

CODY CIVIERO
Opinion Editor

I doubt his gimmicky action-figure campaign posters will earn him any votes



I think I might actually vote this year



CURTIS HORSBURGH

LETTERS

Technical misconduct

Oh Mr Pierse, you are right. It's easy to make fun of Jets fans, and almost nearly as easy to make fun of you and your misguided logic regarding our beloved Edmonton Oilers.

You're correct in saying that we haven't won a Stanley Cup in nearly 20 years now. Neither have 20 other teams. We were lucky enough to have five in a seven-year span. Why should you forget about it all of a sudden?

You then moved on to talk about Mac T and how he has apparently worn out his welcome and how we should follow suit with teams like Dallas and Philadelphia in hopes that firing the coach will make the difference. Oh wait, neither Dallas or the Flyers have been to the finals since their coaching changes.

Then you say "why should we stop there? The problem must be higher than that—it's Kevin Lowe! Off with his head! Being an ex-Oiler doesn't make him all-powerful, being an ex-Oiler doesn't mean that he's suddenly right for the job." And you're deciding this from your comfy little arm chair GM position of nothing more than a fantasy hockey team?

I mean, who is Kevin Lowe anyway? Oh yeah, he actually played in the NHL, he has more Stanley Cup rings than he has fingers on one

hand, and he probably has a better idea than you or many other GMs who have never played the game when it comes to assessing talent. So maybe give him the benefit of the doubt once and a while.

Of all the Oilers to pick out for subpar play, you pick Dwayne Roloson? The same Dwayne Roloson who has a 0.916 save per cent average on a team with such defensive holes as the Oilers? Roloson is, without question, the most valuable player on our team as far as this or even the next season is concerned.

You're a moron, and hopefully your thoughts don't illustrate a view that is representative of many Oiler fans. I'm not even sure that you should be called a fan, as fans stick with their team through good seasons and bad.

"THE BOA"
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Health plan "unknown"

Maybe it's just me, but I'd be far more likely to vote "Yes" on the referendum for the student health plan if I actually had information about what it covered. The ads don't tell the students what will be covered or how much coverage will be provided, and they also don't provide a URL to find out more information.

When I tried using the search function on the University website,

it wasn't until the 41st article that I found anything relevant.

Keep up the good work, Students' Union.

STEPH BROWN
Arts IV

Reduce, cycle, recycle

Bicycles are in harmony with the environment. After spending months in San Francisco, I realize that there's more than just talk on conservation and reducing our reliance on unsustainable energy. The people here use bicycle power.

It's easy. Especially as the city's public transportation system allows bicycles to be attached on the front of buses. In comparison, St Albert has fantastic trails. St Albertans know they spoil their bicycles with long summer rides. However, bicycles need to be used for more than just play. Bikes need to be used as a serious mode of transportation. Furthermore, they're an obvious solution to our rising climate crisis. Allowing bicycles to be attached on the front of buses is a necessity as there are no safe and direct routes into the city.

The combination of both public transit and bicycles will ensure safety for riders. St Albert needs to put bicycle racks on buses, so winter cycling will also be more practical. Let's make bicycles practical for

longer commutes into the city.

LEXI PENDZICH
Via email

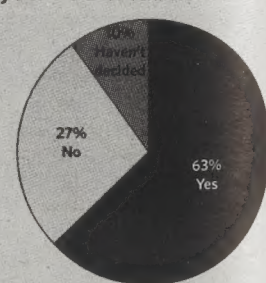
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"Will you be voting in this year's SU elections?"



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Stupidity shouldn't be a defence

When you drunkenly stumble in front of a train, it's hard to blame anyone else



MIKE
DADURAL

seem like a good idea for me, there are better ways to blow the taxpayer's money.

I will admit that Dibble's lawyer Andrew Smiley did a good job of convincing the jury that it was the driver's fault for not noticing Dibble on the tracks. But it's lawyers like Smiley that have a tendency for screwing with the system, and it's ridiculous that Smiley managed to convince an entire jury that it's the driver's responsibility to look out for people on the tracks. Seriously, it's common knowledge that you should never walk on the line and that if you value your life, you know damn well to steer clear.

If it weren't for Dibble drunkenly straddling the tracks in hopes to recreate the train scene from *Hancock*, this whole mess would have never happened.

Common sense notwithstanding, according to the jurors, the driver was 65 per cent responsible for the accident and, in a surprising turn of events, they decided that Dibble was only 35 per cent at fault—mainly due to the fact that he was drunk. What I want to know is how the jury came up with such numbers. We can't simply divide responsibility in this kind of situation, because if it weren't for Dibble drunkenly straddling the tracks

in the hopes of recreating the train scene from *Hancock*, this whole mess would have never happened.

But in situations like this, we can't do anything but shake our fists in frustration at people like Dibble and Smiley who play the system. And sometimes when it comes to things like this, it's always best to look at one side of the story. Should we really blame Moore for failing to recognize Dibble on the tracks? Should we blame the bartender for selling too many drinks to the customer who eventually died of alcohol poisoning? It's always important to use common sense in these situations, because we could end up screwing over honest working people like Moore.

When I hear about people like Dibble getting a taste of the finer things in life, I can't help but question if this is some sort of elaborate prank, and hope that Ashton Kutcher will just pop out of nowhere to tell me that I was being *Punk'd*. But this wasn't the case and it's disheartening to find that we can't do anything about people like Dibble.

I can at least relish the fact that although Dibble was originally supposed to be awarded with well over \$3 million, the jury saw that it was suitable to deduct 35 per cent of his earnings for him being partially responsible. Though it's unfortunate that the train didn't smack him hard enough to land him a Darwin Award, as it would be a shining testament to how Dibble took stupid to another level. Instead, his collision with the train served him with a one-way ticket to wealth.



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Herd the black sheep into the excuse pen



MIKE
CHAFE

"Somewhere in your family lies that one person that you're ashamed to admit is in the same bloodline as you. It could be anyone from your crazy uncle who married a goat right up to your necrophilia-obsessed cousin. It doesn't matter who it is—the point is that somewhere in your family tree lies a bad apple."

The oddball of your family shouldn't be hard to spot. Some potential candidates may include the one stuffing potato salad in their pants at a family reunion, the one who spent the past 20 years searching for the lost city of Atlantis, or, of course, the one who spends his days alone, building a time machine using only an old car and some LSD. Not only are they disappointments to your family—they're likely the reason your application to appear on *Family Feud* was so swiftly rejected.

I know what you're thinking: "My family is perfect in every aspect. We're all geniuses, have great looks, and essentially our seed is nothing less than a combination of Jesus and Superman." For those of you who truly believe that, you're the spawn of some sort of elite, controlled breeding, I challenge you to search past generations of your ancestry. You might be shocked by your findings. Sure, your immediate family seems great, but what about your great, great grandfather who had a fetish for child prostitutes? I assure you that if you search hard enough, somewhere in your family line is the disappointment.

Why exactly does this phenomenon occur in all families? Some say that it has something to do with the relationship between oceanic currents

and the lunar cycle, while still others say witchcraft. However, most people simply ask, "who the hell cares?" It is the way it is.

Every family has some sort of shame, even the rich, powerful, and famous. The Hitlers have Adolf, the Jacksons have Michael, the Jonas Brothers have the ugly one, and obviously the Bushes have anyone by the name of George. It's simply impossible to have a family without a disappointment.

Rather than suppress the fact that you're related to these genetic abominations, you should use it to your advantage. The next time that you receive a lecture from your parents about one of the many things wrong in your life, pull out the ol' family failure excuse. You'll be pleasantly surprised at how well a little family-bashing can work to your advantage. Why, if I had a nickel for every time I used the line "well at least I wasn't indicted on bestiality charges like Cousin Ted," I'd have a cool ten cents right now.

I wish you luck in your search for your family's disappointment. Remember to take refuge in the fact that it's a universal trait in all families, but be wary that it could be you. Happy hunting.

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Far too many times I've been on the fence about whether or not to buy a so-called "required" textbook for a course. This is a problem that really no student should have to deal with, but costs keep increasing exponentially and sometimes you have to make that choice between having the reference material or toughing it out based on the notes you can take during lecture hours. Sometimes the choice is made for me by a sinister phrase on the outside packaging stating that an "online access code is included." Crap. Then I have to buy the book because there's probably going to be some assignment that I'll have to submit on the publisher's website in order to stay alive in the course. Grumbling, I grab

the book and fork over my Visa card to the cashier, only to place myself further in debt, all in the name of higher education.

I know what you're thinking: "Isn't it a little too late in the semester to be discussing textbook requirements?" Yes, it probably is, but that's not what I'm here to talk about. While studying for my midterms, I noticed a disturbing trend with my books: some of them look strikingly perfect and don't bear the worn cover and plethora of Post-Its that my trusty, well-loved texts do. The reason for this is that they have never actually been used, save for the one time I opened them to read off the code for the publisher's website. It's a nasty system, particularly because you can't buy these books used since their code has already expired, and you can't sell them either because a book with no valid code is typically useless to another student.

In an era where information moves at the speed of light and computers are king, I can gladly accept that students will be expected to utilize some

form of online learning. The problem is that we're graciously provided with an excellent system direct from the University which is rolled right in with our course fees.

When a professor uses a textbook's resources, chances are that all of the assignments are already set up and now all the prof has to do is pick and choose the ones he wants the students to complete.

I'm talking of course about WebCT (or eClass, as it's been renamed this year). It's a mystery that some professors refuse to use it. Many of them claim that the website provided by the textbook is somehow "better" than eClass. In my own experience with both systems, I've yet to encounter an alternate website that

boasts extra features not available on eClass. Most of them are used merely to complete online assignments where you answer simple questions either by multiple choice or by entering numerical values which are then graded electronically. Others are simply a drop box where you can upload more complex written papers and what not for the instructor to then receive and grade individually. Both of these functions are already available to us without any extra cost.

My best guess as to why these sites are used is due to sheer laziness. When a professor uses a textbook's resources, chances are that all of the assignments are already set up and now all the prof has to do is pick and choose the ones he wants the students to complete. When we refer to instructors as "professors," it demonstrates that they have a mastery of a subject to the point where they can now impart their wisdom on to students. It's a title that needs to be earned and not just handed over. Clearly, this depicts someone who would have

their own proven methods to teach and assess students and not passively let a book's publisher do it for them. They don't want to spend the time labouring over creating meaningful assignments for a course, so they take the easy way out and grab one that's already there. The cost of their laziness is then transferred directly onto the students who have no choice other than to fork over the cash for these textbooks. Either this, or every time a student submits an assignment to one of these alternate sites, a man from the publisher clad in a trench coat and a fedora meets the professor in a dark alley and hands off an unmarked envelope full of cash.

We pay way too much as it is for the privilege of attending this institution and I, for one, dream of the day when we are no longer charged extra for an even lower quality of education. But until that day comes, I guess we have to keep blindly shelling out more cash every time we're asked to. Meanwhile, I at least have a nice stack of brand new books to balance my computer desk with.

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THE GATEWAY

Election Dissection

By Mike Kendrick

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Who makes the cut? That's exactly what our panel of Students' Union experts gathered to discuss for this year's elections. In a campaign that's seen disqualifications and a surprisingly low number of candidates, it can still be tough to figure out which SU hopefuls have what it takes to lead your student body.

In our third-annual feature, we've reached far and wide to assemble the most diverse team of political know-it-alls that we could, and now, they share their thoughts on who's fit for office, and who should be forgotten quicker than a failed referendum.

The Panel

Daniel Vincent

A voice of the everyday student, Vincent may not have some of the SU-related experience as his fellow panelists, but his volunteer experience with the Student Life Planning Committee gives him the requisite expertise. He's also a founding member of the Science Students Association, a "hostile takeover" of the now-defunct U of A Science Undergraduate Society.

Pamela Aranas

Having spent two years in the SU office serving as the Associate Vice President (External) from 2006-08, Aranas knows her way around the SU's political labyrinth. If that's not enough, she also served as the president of the U of A Political Science Undergraduate Association.

Ryan Heise

Though he's been studying in Halifax since September, Heise hasn't missed a minute of SU action thanks to the magic of the Internet. As last year's Gateway Deputy News Editor, he moderated 2008's Election Dissection, and spent over two years beat reporting on the SU, getting the dirt on all the hacks.

Lindsey Campbell

Campbell has a wealth of campus titles on her resume. She's a former SU science councillor, External Policy Committee chair, Campus Planning and Action Committee (CPAC) member, Lister Hall Students' Association Vice President, and current president of her medical class.

Kyle Marshall

Serving as last year's LHSA president, Marshall brings the voice of residence to this year's panel. He also served as current president Janelle Morin's volunteer coordinator during last year's campaign, and currently volunteers for the Environmental Coordination Office of Students (ECOS).

The Issues

Health Plan

The SU elections last held a referendum for a health plan in 2005, which failed with 57 per cent not in favour. However, Vice President (Student Life) Kristen Flath campaigned last year on bringing a new plan to campus and has since delivered one, complete with a no-frills opt-out—a major point of contention in the previous vote.

"If what Flath has put together is as airtight as it seems, especially with an opt-out, then good for her. I don't think a Canadian university has ever had a health plan with a complete, no-frills opt-out, and that's my biggest fear," detailed Heise.

"It seems too good to be true," added Marshall, who was echoed by Vincent, who expressed his concern that "it'll pass, and something is going to change next year, and we'll all be stuck with it."

Marshall also mentioned his disap-

pointment with the lack of a No campaign and thought that "those are the kinds of people who would point out the little flaws that we wouldn't see on our own."

Heise summarized the panel's reluctant enthusiasm with the plan, saying, "Other than the opt-out, it seems like a solid plan. The price is great, and getting dental is awesome. But it's a young campus, and at the end of the day, if [students] have sufficient coverage and can't opt out for some reason, then that's almost \$200 that's being taken from them."

Student Involvement

While the politicians in the SU offices have been working busily throughout the year, the panel agreed that despite their best efforts, this year has seen a serious lack of substantial student involvement.

"I think part of it has to do with the students feeling alienated from the school themselves and from the administration, with the whole [Centenary] campaign being more focused on alumni," said Campbell, who was met with a sense of consensus from the rest of the panel. "If the students don't feel cared for, then maybe they aren't going to give a rat's ass back."

However, thanks to the inclusion of online voting this year, everyone agreed that voter turnout would be higher, especially from more distant campus locations.

Joke Candidates

In a similar vein, recent SU elections have been witnessing an increasing trend of fewer and fewer joke candidates. While last year's elections only had one relatively invisible runner, this year's contest hosts no official joke

candidates, which Marshall believed was related to student apathy.

"People don't care about what's going on, or at least they don't care about what's going on in the Students' Union, so they won't take the time to plan out even a regular campaign."

"To run a joke candidate doesn't seem like a lot of effort, but once I started getting stuff together, it was too much to handle," Vincent added. "I think that's part of the problem—you need to get a whole team."

Marshall agreed, and suggested some alternative tactics that the SU could employ to encourage more students to involve themselves in the election process.

"Maybe it would be a good idea for the SU to talk to some of the more prominent student groups. They have the connections and probably have a large number of people to coordinate a joke campaign."

Disqualifications

Early into the race, this year's election has already seen a handful of Chief Returning Officer (CRO) rulings, along with Board of Governors Representative candidate Steven Dollansky being disqualified. While the panel felt that perhaps this year's interpretations of the SU's election bylaws were a bit strict, Campbell pointed out that they're in place for a reason, and it's the candidates' responsibility to ensure that they're accounting for every small detail on their campaigns.

"A can of paint, a set of keys ... it's the same kind of thing [...] It says in the nomination package to read through Bylaw 2000," Campbell said. "I mean, this is Steven Dollansky's fourth campaign—you would think he'd know by now to read it. It says right in the bylaw to report your keys within 24 hours and if you don't, you will be disqualified."

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The Races

President

The panel's biggest concern with this year's presidential candidates was the lack of any real stand-outs. Past years have commonly found at least one former vice president running for the top executive spot, but this year, only Craig Turner comes close in experience, having served as John Braga's Associate Vice President (Academic).

"All four candidates are unrealistic cheerleaders in their own special way. On the SUBstage forum, none of them said anything original or new," critiqued Heise, who made a plea for pragmatism throughout the discussion.

Despite the panel's belief that no single candidate is stronger than his opponents, Kory Mathewson proved to be the topic of multiple opinions. The panelists had mixed feelings initially, but Heise was the first to point out Mathewson's unique perspective as compared to other candidates.

"He's a really good public speaker and is probably the most realistic presidential candidate I've heard in a really long time. In fact, he realized that people don't know or care about the SU and we need to figure out why. He didn't have any promises, but I think that's smart ... he basically said 'people don't give a damn and we need to figure out why, and we need to figure out how we can be a more effective body.'"

"The thing I like about [Mathewson]

is that the past two presidents have been from Lister, and what he represents is the rest of campus," added Campbell. "We don't want to alienate the engineers or the Greeks and say that the SU is a rez-fest. Although I'm all in favour of having residence representation, we can get that through [Operations and Finance candidate Zack Fentiman] on this exec, so it would be good to have fresh new ideas come from somebody who didn't sit on the same exec in Lister."

"The Lister experience is so far from what the majority of students' experience—I'm not saying that's bad; it's just not accurate," Heise agreed, a point that the panel thought might give Mathewson an edge over opponent Craig Turner, who has spent much of his academic career involved in residence.

For the most part, there was a consensus that while Turner has plenty of experience under his belt, he could use another year of grooming before he's completely fit for presidency.

"I think that Craig is hard working, and very dedicated, and knows his stuff, but I don't know how prepared he is to handle the presidential portfolio, especially at this point. In the future, he'd be fantastic, but I think he needs a bit more time," explained Aranas, who also felt that Turner would serve as "a great mediator" between SU executive members.

"Craig is very safe and status quo to me," added Heise, who feared that

this may alienate voters who want to see new ideas put into action.

Moving forward, the panel shared a mutual disappointment with Jesse Hahn, who is running in his second campaign after an unsuccessful bid for the role of Vice President (Operations and Finance) in 2007—a fact that Heise hoped would have given him an upper edge.

"It's really disappointing, because he had the opportunity to kill. He's done it before, he's been involved, so he should know better."

"He just did not do his homework. For being around for so long, he should know better. He should really know better, and it aggravates me that he was elected to council and then dropped off," said Campbell, who also lamented Hahn's focus on projects that are not directly related to campus, such as his push for late-night transit service—a sentiment that Aranas echoed.

"He's talking about a lot of societal things, which is great, but when you're being elected to represent the 30 000 students on this campus, talk about them, not society and its problems."

Vincent also cited a lack of substance in many of Hahn's campaign messages, noting that "he'll talk about change 8000 times, and when students ask what kind of change, he has nothing. He's just throwing words out. He just doesn't have anything tangible that students can see."

Vice President (External)

Over the weekend, the three-way race for Vice President (External) was reduced to a one-man show starring Justin VannPashak, but after both rulings were overturned, incumbent Beverly Eastham and Faculté Saint-Jean councillor Aden Murphy are back in the game. Most on the panel were pleased to see Eastham return, feeling that she will be the strongest candidate within the portfolio, bringing some much-needed experience to the entire executive.

"I think the fact that [Eastham] is running for a second term is exciting in a lot of ways. I know that she's taken some flak this year, but being the chair for policy committee for CPAC, and being the chair for CAUS [Council of Alberta University Students] ... I think that's a huge honour, and she's representing us on a national stage," said Marshall.

"I think it helps a lot when you have somebody that's returning. When you take into account that the SU has yearly turnover, and with that can come problems with transitioning, so having someone in a second year can really help with the portfolio,



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Heise on Mathewson

Mustapha Makhdoom, the final candidate in this year's presidential race, remained a mystery to the panel, who weren't sure whether or not he's running as a serious candidate.

"He could legitimately get elected. He's doing a good job of getting people engaged as a joke candidate, but people don't know if he's a joke candidate," Aranas worried.

"Maybe he's serious, but he realizes

that doing a campaign like this is his best shot at getting elected, instead of a typical, boring campaign," suggested Heise, who also said that the \$550 student cost of his campaign comes out as beneficial, because "he's probably going to engage more people and get more people involved."

Verdict: 3 votes for Mathewson, 1 for Turner, 1 undecided

especially considering the political climate right now," added Aranas.

Heise, however, thought that Eastham could have done a lot more in her term in office to deserve a second year.

"I agree in principle, but I don't think she's been as effective as she could have been. She's been fairly invisible in the portfolio this year."

But Campbell pointed out that much of what Eastham has accomplished through CAUS this year is difficult to quantify in the media.

"When you're bringing together an organization and having meetings with the Minister, it isn't as much of a public thing. If the Minister does actually value CAUS's opinion and asks their opinion on postsecondary issues, I think that's a huge step. We haven't had that before. It's not something that's in the media, but it is valuable, and it's a step in the right direction."

Because of Eastham's strength and experience, the panel had difficulty endorsing Aden Murphy, who they felt was simply a less experienced duplicate of Eastham's platform. Campbell noted, though, that were he not running against her, Murphy would have a better chance at the prize.

Heise was impressed with his

performance as a councillor; however, he criticized some of Murphy's campaign promises such as town hall meetings, which he felt were "almost archaic," and demonstrated Murphy's lack of experience and awareness of real student needs.

Although VannPashak's platform differs from Eastham or Murphy's, the panel didn't feel that this necessarily made him a stronger candidate.

"He hasn't done his homework," criticized Campbell. "He's campaigning about advocacy, but he doesn't understand the advocacy department. He doesn't understand that for every part that they're out on the streets rallying, there's 20 parts where they're in meetings or doing research."

Marshall added that while VannPashak talked about the Restricted Access campaign, he didn't seem to fully understand that the student/administration dichotomy wasn't just a matter of black and white.

"He talks about the theatrics like he had no idea that there were actually people inside the Board of Governors' meeting who had a comprehensive argument that was being put forth."

Verdict: 5 votes for Eastham



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Marshall on student apathy

Vice President (Operations and Finance)

In the first of two uncontested races, Heise discussed the unfortunate reality of having an unopposed race with such an important portfolio.

"It's so sad because Ops-Fi is one of the most important exec positions, and it has the chance to do the most

that ends up affecting students."

But the panel wasn't disappointed with Zack Fentiman, the solo candidate. While they acknowledged his youth and possible inexperience, Marshall quickly pointed out his level of involvement and relevant business experience, silencing the idea that he's unqualified for the job.

"He's a finance major ... he's a [resident assistant] in Lister and is on

Council this year, and has apparently done a fantastic job. He also chaired audit committee, and I heard he did a great job."

"He doesn't quite have the experience yet, but I think, especially with an incumbent like [Eastham] on the exec, it may help out a bit with someone who doesn't have the same experience," said Campbell.

Verdict: 5 votes for Fentiman

The Races

Vice President (Academic)

Leah Trueblood, who's also running unopposed, instantly impressed all five panelists, and was met with unanimous, unquestionable support.

"She's awesome," Aranas stated.

"Do we even need to talk about this?" Heise questioned jovially.

"Give her every position. If there were five Leah Truebloods, we'd be set," Vincent joked, and detailed her devotion to her endeavours.

"I was talking to her the other day

and I know she's super-committed because she's even taking a year off from Law. She got into Law and she's taking a year off just for this. I don't know anyone more committed than that," he said.

"I think she's going to bring a lot of accountability to the exec, which is good, and I think with some of these candidates, you need someone strong like Leah in there," added Campbell, discussing her confidence in Trueblood's credentials.

"You don't know how it's going to go with some of these newcomers, but having someone like Leah on the exec

gives me a little peace of mind."

Heise also commended the realistic approach of her platform.

"A lot of candidates are enthusiastic about what they do, but [Trueblood's] enthusiasm stems from knowing the portfolio. She knows it in and out already. She's probably the only candidate who really isn't going to stray from her campaign. Everything that she's saying is stuff that she could tangibly do during the next year, and I think that's really important."

Verdict: 5 votes for Trueblood



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Campbell on Trueblood



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Aranas on Dehod

Vice President (Student Life)

The panel was initially split on this two-candidate race, taking issue with the similarity between Ian Clarke and Nick Dehod's platforms. However, Marshall noted that Dehod seems to have the extra edge of charisma over Clarke that's valuable in a portfolio that revolves around campus events.

"Their campaigns are similar, but for me, [Dehod] will shine through because he's got personality. He reminds me of the [Justin] Kehoe days. Everyone in my class absolutely loves his posters because they're so fun, and that's what you want in the VPSL," he said.

Aranas also perceived strength in Dehod's campaign from the balance he's struck between the issues of advocacy and programming.

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The panel did commend Clarke's advocacy efforts, but also took issue with his heavy focus on a new Physical Activity Centre [PAC]. Although Dehod has also mentioned it in his campaign, Campbell felt that Clarke especially has been pushing too strongly without preparing himself to properly.

"He has to be really careful, because if he looks at past referenda, he has to take the students' opinion when he goes through with it," Campbell said. "He's pushing all the way through with [PAC], and he has to step back and make sure that he's doing the right thing for students. It worries me that he'd go gung-ho about getting a PAC and not listen to many years of students."

Vincent mentioned Dehod's extra experience with student life activities, having worked together with him on 2008's Week of Welcome. He asserts that this would also give him the advantage over Clarke, who Vincent

felt hasn't shown as much public interest in the programming side of the portfolio.

"A lot of Student Life VPs really love their portfolio, and I haven't seen or heard a lot of [Clarke] coming in to the SU and talking about it," said Vincent. "Has he even talked to Flath yet? He seems really unaware about the programming side and pretty aware about the advocacy side."

Campbell summarized by explaining that, "[Both Clarke and Dehod] have the experience, but if we want someone who's more balanced and can focus more on programming since it's been neglected in the last few years, [Dehod] is the way to go, because [Clarke] really is just the advocacy side... I think [Dehod] could really help with the apathy issue, too. He's just a really approachable guy that everyone wants to be friends with. I think that would do this campus some good right now."

Verdict: 5 votes for Dehod

THE PANEL'S PREDICTIONS

After 90 minutes of dialogue and some careful deliberation, our panel came to an almost unanimous decision. Here's the starting roster of the 2009/10 Students' Union Executive Dream Team, as predicted by this year's panel.



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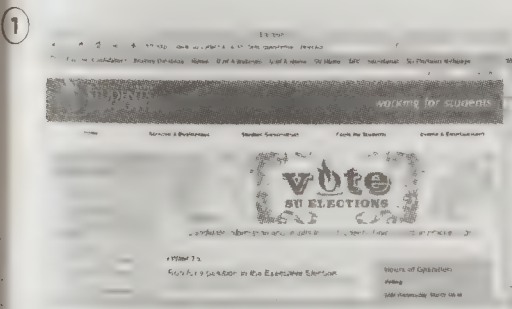
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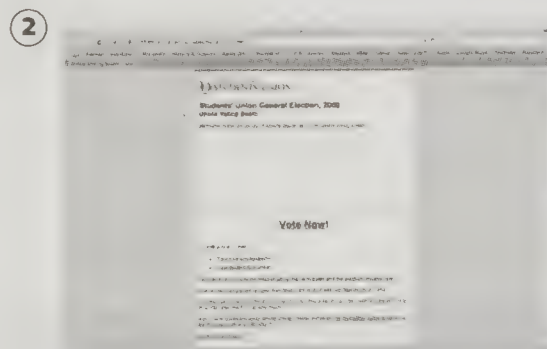
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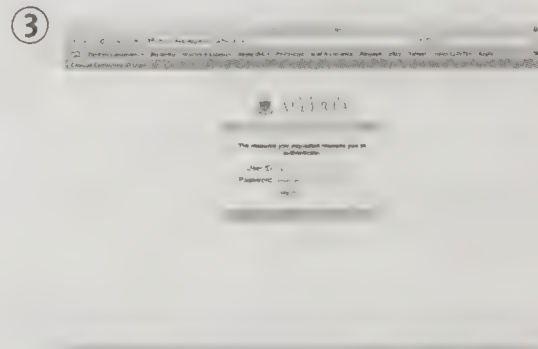
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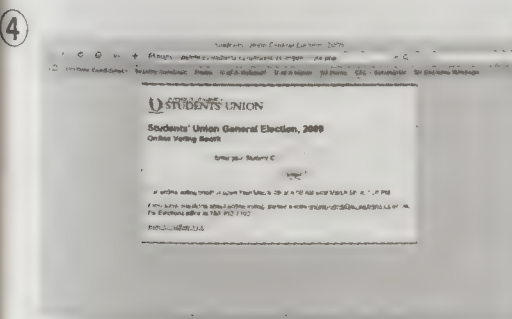
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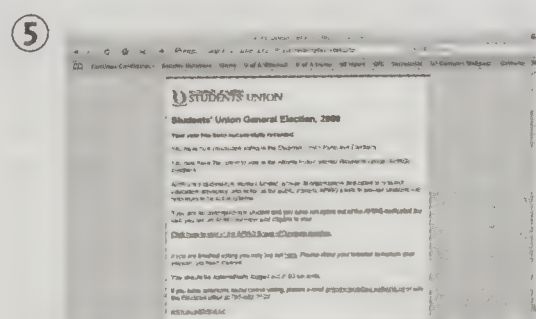
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JESSE HAHN



Jesse Hahn has studied for 5 years at the U of A and is currently attending his fourth year in the Environmental Conservation Science program, majoring in Environmental Economics and Policy. He spent three years after high school exploring societal issues and studying leadership before making a post secondary academic commitment.

Jesse is resolved to lobby and broker legitimate incremental changes to lay the foundations for ever more prolific changes to academia and accordingly, society. With a focus on organizational accountability, community outreach, affordable and

reliable late night transit, and far-sighted ecological business practices, products and solutions. By collaborating with stakeholders of similar interests such as the manager of Earth's General Store and the Transit Riders Union Edmonton, Jesse has already begun to incite action and inspire results. Jesse hopes to benefit students as a leader with the right balance between experience, open-mindedness, integrity and resolve

CRAIG TURNER



After working within the Students' Union, I have come to realize that a great deal of work still needs to be done to meet the needs of every student. While the Students' Union serves as a voice for students, sometimes the organization can be perceived to have lost touch with many students. I plan to make a firm commitment that SU executives will be expected to engage with students outside of SUB regularly through discussions and "exec kiosks" that will circulate throughout the campuses. Part of my focus on the individual student experience includes increased collaboration with student groups who work with students on a much more personal basis, such as clubs and faculty associations.

I want to explore initiatives like faculty-based orientations and partnerships in advocacy projects. I will also work to ensure English language proficiency tests are mandatory for all professors and TAs. Through my experience as SU Associate Vice-President (Academic), and involvements including the Lister Hall Students' Association, the HUB Community Association and the Campus Sustainability Coalition, I have developed the skills to be an effective President. I look forward to hearing from you during the campaign, and encourage you to consider me for your next President.

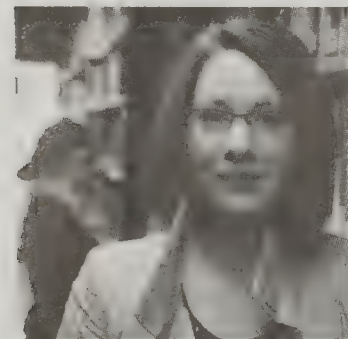
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VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC

THE VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC) DEALS WITH CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES THAT ARE ACADEMIC IN NATURE, INCLUDING THINGS LIKE TEACHING OF QUALITY, UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS, AND TEXTBOOK COSTS.

LEAH TRUEBLOOD



Leah got involved in student government in her first year, serving on the advisory group to the Vice-President Academic. While she has continued to be involved in many different parts of the academic portfolio, her most extensive role was as one of three founding members of the Collective Body for Arts Students, CBAS, for the past two years.

CBAS showed Leah the power Faculty Associations have to make a difference on campus, and why the Students' Union must do more to support Faculty Associations.

If elected, Leah will:

Promote Great Teaching:

By helping create opportunities for faculty to experienced peer-oriented, department-supported pedagogical improvement.

Raise the profile and power of the Council of Faculty Associations:

For instance, by creating a plug-in between the Students' Union executive and the Council of Faculty Associations so that the work of the executive is shaped by the Faculty Associations.

Promote Experiential Learning and Undergraduate Research:

By creating mentorship structures so students have support in pursuing research and community-service opportunities if they choose them.

Leah is in her fourth year of an honors degree in philosophy. In her spare time she enjoys google-reader, bikram yoga, her charming roommates, and Jane Austen novels.

VICE PRESIDENT STUDENT LIFE

THE VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE) IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL NON-ACADEMIC ASPECTS OF STUDENT LIFE, FROM WORKING WITH RESIDENCES TO PLANNING EVENTS LIKE WEEK OF WELCOME.

NICK DEHOD



In the rush to get our degrees, to stay out of debt, and to maintain academic excellence, the undergraduate experience can become narrow in scope. There is no disputing the value of an educated and an enlightened mind, however we cannot underestimate the importance of the knowledge and experiences that exist outside the science labs and beyond the lecture theaters.

With his experience as a Students' Union councilor, coordinator and participant of Week of Welcome, Anti-freeze, and other student life committees, Nick has become knowledgeable of the dynamic responsibilities of the Vice-President Student Life portfolio and understands what direction it must take in the coming year.

As Vice-President Student Life, Nick will strengthen community by providing student groups with the resources and support they need. He will continue to promote sustainability in the SU and University, and work to extend the SU beyond SUB by engaging students across campus and spreading awareness of the valuable services and programs the SU provides. Nick will monitor mandatory non-instructional fees to ensure accountability and transparency as well as advocate for quality food at fair value.

On March 4th and 5th, vote Nick Dehod for Vice-President Student Life.

IAN CLARKE



Over the past four years, I have volunteered in many events across campus, including Orientation, Week of Welcome, SU Christmas Party for Kids and Anti-Freeze. I am currently President of my fraternity, Phi Gamma Delta, and I am also a Science councillor on Students' Council and the chairman of the bylaw committee.

There are several issues that I would like to address as VP Student Life. My past experiences with student groups have shown me that more group space is needed, as well as an improvement to the student group granting system.

Secondly, with the University's proposal for a Physical Activity and Health Centre, I will ensure that students' concerns are not ignored. Creating space for Campus Rec and student

life must be priorities if students are to support this centre.

Environmental sustainability must also be a priority for the Students' Union. Collaboration with the newly created University Sustainability Office, as well as promoting eco-friendly programs will ensure that best practices for a greener campus are met.

Finally, the U-Pass contract expires in 2010, and it must be renegotiated to meet student needs while maintaining fee affordability.

For more information, please email me at voteian@gmail.com

VICE PRESIDENT OPERATIONS & FINANCE

THE VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS AND FINANCE) IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE STUDENTS' UNION'S MORE THAN \$9,900,000 BUDGET.

ZACH FENTIMAN



Zach is a third year Honours Finance student. He is currently elected as SU Councillor representing undergraduate business students. He chairs the SU's Audit Committee as well as the Budget and Finance Committee. Zach is a Resident Assistant in Lister Hall and sits on the Lister Hall Students' Association's Finance and Administration Committee.

If elected, Zach would ensure that student needs are met by the SU's building, businesses, and services. Zach would take a leadership role helping the SU craft its long-term vision—specifically, making sure that students are represented in renovation/expansion projects.

Zach's platform includes:

- reducing the SU's dependency on student fees,
- increasing profitability of SU businesses and quality of student services.

- implementing and improving the SU's sustainability practices.
- working with student groups and Student Group Services to improve the granting process,
- addressing the need for additional student space,
- collaborating with the executive to increase transparency and improve communication between the SU and the student body.

Zach is excited to start campaigning and meeting with students for their input on how the SU can better serve them. He would be honoured to be elected as your Vice-president Operations and Finance for 09/10.

VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL

THE VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC) DEALS WITH CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES THAT ARE ACADEMIC IN NATURE, INCLUDING THINGS LIKE TEACHING OF QUALITY, UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS, AND TEXTBOOK COSTS.

BEVERLY EASTHAM



I am running for re-election to the position of Vice President External after having served in this capacity during the 2008/2009 academic year. During this time I also served as Chair of the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) and Chair of the Policy Committee for the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA).

Alberta has remained in a relatively sheltered position during the initial month of the current global economic downturn. However, proactive steps are needed to ensure that Alberta remains one of the best places in Canada to live, work and study in. Key to our recovery from the economic downturn is a commitment to investing in Alberta's universities and their students.

Having already served one term as Vice President External I believe that I will be in an ideal position to continue the SU's advocacy efforts during this critical time. I will work to ensure that provincial and federal support for PSE continues throughout the duration of the economic downturn while continuing to ensure affordable housing options are available for students, necessary adjustments are made to student loan calculations, and more forms of non-repayable assistance are offered to those who need them most.

For more information, visit vote-eastham.com or email info@vote-eastham.com.

Thank you for your support, and remember to vote online on March 4th and 5th.

ADEN MURPHY



My name is Aden and I'm excited to be running for Vice-President External. I'm a third-year political science student from CSJ, and come from Westlock, AB. This is my second year on Students' Council, and I was also one of the coordinators of this year's Restricted Access campaign.

In the face of recession, deficits and the tightening job market, it is more important than ever to defend undergraduate education that is within the reach of all students. We need to remain mature and constructive, presenting practical solutions to issues like student financial aid and deferred maintenance funding. We also need to energetically and publicly defend university funding, through rural tours and tuition campaigning. Lastly, the VPX needs to work with students to communicate the importance of advocacy.

As VPX, I would like to do the following:

- Engage more students in advocacy and campaigns
- Hold the Students' Union better to account to students and Students Council
- Defend your education from recession cuts
- Lobby the small-town opinion makers who shape government
- Keep our seat at the table and ensure your money for federal lobbying makes results

Hope to see you during the election!

See more at www.adenmurphy.ca

JUSTIN VANNPASHAK



My platform is a platform of actions, actions like:

Changing how we advocate. Advocacy and lobbying must be less theatrical and more professional in order to gain the attention of decision-makers and the public, as well as to involve a larger number of students

I would like to create a website with the information and perspectives students need in order to get involved in our country's Democratic process, the site will feature an Entertainment aspect, taking inspiration from popular sites of today; a forum where students can communicate directly with members of the legislature from the government and the opposition; and easy-to-read government spending information

- I will push for reforming ETS day and night service to better serve students and the community
- I will coordinate SU initiatives with similarly minded groups (groups lobbying for affordable housing, transit reform, students' groups from other schools, etc)
- I will encourage greater community involvement locally through volunteer programs and student events that are open to the public, and rurally through direct interaction with groups from rural communities

Check out more of the actions I have planned and learn more details of the ones I've just mentioned, visit www.votejvp.ca.

HEALTH PLAN REFERENDUM

ON MARCH 4TH AND 5TH, THE FOLLOWING REFERENDUM QUESTION WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT:

Do you support the establishment of an undergraduate health and dental plan as of the Fall semester of 2009, subject to the following conditions:

1. Students have the ability to opt out of the health and/or dental plan;
2. The health and dental plan would cost each student \$192.34 per year for the 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 academic year, said fee being assessed by the University with tuition and other non-academic fees;
3. That in subsequent years, any increase or decrease in the cost of the plan will be subject to approval by Students' Council;
4. That the SU Executive be authorized to enter into the necessary contractual agreements with Studentcare.net/works contingent upon the inclusion of acceptable transparency and accountability provisions;
5. That a fee for the undergraduate health and dental plan would continue to be assessed until;
 - a) A duly constituted SU referendum is conducted to rescind the fee and program; or,
 - b) Such a time that Studentcare.net/works terminates the agreement.

VOTE MARCH 4TH - 5TH | WWW.SU.UALBERTA.CA/VOTE

HEALTH PLAN—YES

The undergraduate health and dental plan is designed to be useful for those who need it, but not bind those who do not. Many students are not covered by either their parents or employer; a plan would offer them an inexpensive alternative. Coverage would commence in September of each year and would span a full twelve months.

UNCONDITIONAL ONLINE OPT-OUT - If you do not want coverage or already have it, opt-out easily online.

COVERAGE FOR BIRTH CONTROL, WISDOM TEETH REMOVAL, IMMUNIZATIONS, AMBULANCE, ETC. – Alberta Health Care (AHC) does not cover prescription drugs, dental, and vision. The proposed plan would compliment AHC and cover these items.

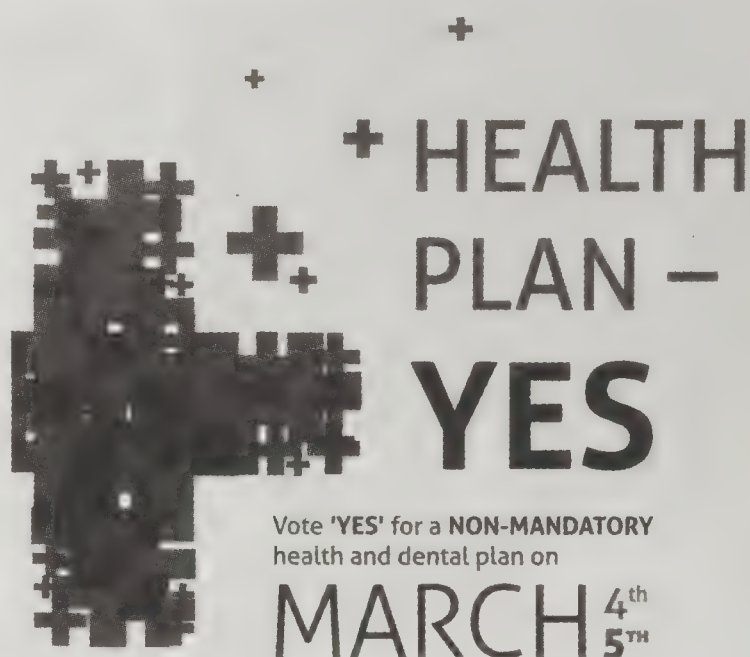
FLEXIBILITY WITH PLAN COMPONENTS – Mix and match health plan components, including health, dental, travel, accident and tuition insurance. Opt-out of the components you do not want.

COVERAGE AVAILABLE FOR DEPENDENTS – Spouses and kids can be easily included in the plan.

COVERS ALL STUDENTS – The proposed plan would cover everyone, including international students.

PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY – Don't want your parents to know about your STI's? Keep your medical history and claims private under your own health care.

For more information, please visit www.healthplan-yes.blogspot.com/ or email healthplan.yes@gmail.com.



FACULTY COUNILLOR ELECTION AND BOARD OF GOVERNORS BY-ELECTION

Want to sit on the highest governing body of the Students' Union? Or how about of the University? Nominations are open for Students' Council, General Faculties Council, and the Board of Governors. Nomination packages are available from 2-900 SUB or online at www.su.ualberta.ca/vote.

There is one position for Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative open; the nomination deadline is 9:00 AM on Friday, March 6th.

There are 32 positions on Students' Council open for nominations and 40 positions on General Faculties Council. The nomination deadline is 5:00 PM on Tuesday, March 10th.

ALES

1 Students' Council Seat
2 GFC Seats

Arts

6 Students' Council Seats
8 GFC Seats

Augustana

1 Students' Council Seat
1 GFC Seat

Business

2 Students' Council Seats
3 GFC Seats

Education

3 Students' Council Seats
4 GFC Seats

Engineering

4 Students' Council Seats
5 GFC Seats

Law

1 Students' Council Seat
1 GFC Seat

Open Studies

1 Students' Council Seat

Medicine & Dentistry

1 Students' Council Seat
1 GFC Seat

Native Studies

1 Students' Council Seat
1 GFC Seat

Nursing

2 Students' Council Seats
2 GFC Seats

Physical Education & Recreation

1 Students' Council Seat
1 GFC Seat

Pharmacy

1 Students' Council Seat
1 GFC Seat

Faculté St. Jean

1 Students' Council Seat
1 GFC Seat

Science

6 Students' Council Seats
9 GFC Seats



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA
STUDENTS' UNION
ELECTIONS 2009
MARCH 4TH-5TH



How Idlout got her Swagger back

Lucie Idlout chalks her personality up to the profound influence of her mother

musicpreview

Lucie Idlout

Saturday, 7 March at 4pm
The Black Dog (10425-82 Ave)

SARAH STEAD

Arts & Entertainment Staff

With her jet black hair, forearm tattoo, and fierce, gravelly voice, Lucie Idlout is every inch a rock star. Her latest album, *Swagger*, is steeped in themes of lust and heartbreak, but there's also another less gritty topic mentioned in several of the album's songs—her mother. Though you'd never dare call the pint-sized powder keg a "momma's girl," Idlout's connection to her mother is clear in her music.

"She was responsible for raising me and she was a single mom," says Idlout. "She very much shaped and formed who I am, how I think, and how I feel about my place in the world. She's always been hugely supportive of everything I've done. She's always encouraged me to be out in the world and to be doing this—to be following dreams and not to be slowing down and having babies and getting married, living some bizarre notion of what traditional life is supposed to be."

Growing up in Nunavut, Idlout's Inuit heritage influenced many of

the songs on her first album, *E5-770: My Mother's Name*. The title refers to a program by which the Canadian government systematically renamed thousands of Aboriginal individuals in the 1940s with number-letter combinations because their traditional names were deemed too difficult to pronounce.

That program is just one of the many experiences Idlout used to fuel her songwriting on the politically charged *E5-770*. But, after baring her soul about some of the Aboriginal issues in Canada, Idlout found that her music began to take a backseat to the politics—an occurrence that strikes a nerve with the singer.

"Writer's block can't be that much different than having a hard time getting it up, right?"

LUCIE IDLOUT

"People wanted to know about the culture and more about where I came from and less about what I was doing," Idlout says, voicing her frustrations. "It started to really grate on me after a while because it felt so fucked up to be speaking to Northern issues rather than my music. The other thing is that I think I pretty much dried up on all the political

stuff," she adds.

Even though Idlout has never longer wanted to be a spokesperson for Aboriginal issues, it took her time to figure out exactly what she wanted to say on her new album. After enduring a torturous bout of writer's block, she finally broke through to write the song "Whisper, Breath" a dare from a friend. Idlout tested those 18 months as "a balancing act in my life that I hated," but she analogizes the experience with a sexy new spin.

"[Writer's block] can't be that much different than having a hard time getting it up, right?" she asks. "You think about it too much and you're going to have to find other things to resort to [that] instead of just being comfortable with your own skin."

Idlout currently splits her time between her hometown of Iqaluit and her present home in Toronto. But her, Nunavut will always be home. While idly waiting between tours, she admits that wistful thoughts of the Great White North can set in, but that's not the case while she's touring.

"When I'm on the road I don't feel homesick at all, I feel like I'm home," Idlout says simply. "It does share one way to keep the sickness at bay—phone calls to my mother."

"We talk on the phone almost every day."

One Week takes a motorcycle trip through the Canadian wilderness

filmreview

One Week

Directed by Michael McGowan
Starring Joshua Jackson and Liane Balaban
Opens Friday, 6 March

JAMES STORRIE

Arts & Entertainment Staff

There are a few things that you don't expect to hear when you delve into the details of a road movie, things which Michael McGowan's *One Week* stubbornly presents. You don't usually, for example, think that it would be starring Pacey from *Dawson's Creek*, or that it would have a folksy soundtrack featuring artists who seem to tour through Edmonton regularly like Joel Plaskett, Wintersleep, and Sam Roberts, to name a few. Most importantly, though, you wouldn't expect one to ever come out of a shoestring budget like *One Week*'s \$1.9 million. How did he do it? Let's take a little time to run through the numbers.

One Week's writer and director Michael McGowan is developing a bit of a reputation for spinning gold from straw. Having teed up a number of small television and film productions in the past decade or so, McGowan is perhaps best known for his *Little Ralph*, which was a breakout success in the international market.

Where *Little Ralph* was a somewhat sentimental dramatic comedy, *One Week* is a province-spanning road film,

steeped in the appropriate tropes (man needs to figure out something very important, rides motorcycle across country to do some thinking, country turns out to be totally awesome).

But "road film" isn't something that you generally associate with "slim budget." Shooting on location, especially when it involves moving vehicles, is among the most expensive sort of filmmaking. The trick, says McGowan, was keeping his crew lean and mean.

"For example," explains McGowan, "we have a scene where Joel Plaskett is playing a busker in Commerce Court [in Toronto]. Because we had such a small crew, the atmosphere of the location and the movement of the extras just came together perfectly for our shoot. But if you try to reproduce that with a large Hollywood kind of crew—with duty officers blocking the location off and your extras coming through at very specific times—it just becomes almost prohibitively expensive. And, I think, it lessens the authenticity."

"I'm a very low-ratio director. Unless there's some sort of very complicated dolly movement or some coordination of a bunch of difficult elements which absolutely has to be one take, I still tend to only do about three takes of something. We cast people who knew the characters and performed them very well, so they delivered the performances I was looking for right away."

Shot on 16mm over five weeks, edited digitally, and scored with contemporary Canadian artists, *One Week* has been an exceptionally tight production, especially for a road film. McGowan's



approach—streamlined without being entirely bare-bones—may have been influenced by the size of his budget. It's also guided by his own taste for mobile and realist cinema—an approach that has often been popular with Canadian filmmakers.

"We didn't have to shoot all that much this way," says McGowan. "You just go through quickly and grab what

you can. *One Week* is about standard coverage [in terms of how much footage was taken per scene], but around 90 per cent of the shooting was done with hand-helds. With hand-helds you can move around more easily in case actors are slightly off their marks or that sort of thing. It's an approach where you don't try to control your environment as much."

"Even in a locked-up environment, if you set up and stop traffic and all of that sort of thing, if an airplane flies over your head, your sound is still wrecked. Even in the most controlled outdoor environments, there will be a fair amount of chaos. But for us, the way we were shooting, it didn't feel like chaos. It felt like we were easily slipping in where ever we had to be."

Capcom unleashes a winner in *Street Fighter 4*

gamereview

Street Fighter IV

Published by Capcom

Developed by Capcom / Dimps

Now available on PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360

RAMIN OSTAD

Arts & Entertainment Staff

It's been exactly ten years since the last incarnation of *Street Fighter* came out. That game was *Street Fighter III: 3rd Strike*, and while it's argued to be the single best fighting game ever made, it was definitely a departure from the "easy to learn, hard to master" mentality of the eternally popular *Street Fighter II: 3rd Strike*. *3rd Strike* was a far more technical game, with pros using terms like "red and blue parry," "crossovers," and "cancels." A decade later, Capcom hits us again with *Street Fighter IV*, a game that takes one step forward, two steps back.

Those steps back aren't a negative, though. *SF IV* returns the series to what made it so popular in the first place: accessible controls with lots of depth for those willing to tough it out. Most everyone who's touched a controller knows how to throw a fireball or dragon punch, but Capcom's also taught the old dog a couple of new tricks that will separate the men from the boys.

Replacing *3rd Strike*'s technical difficulty, *SF IV* does away with a number of mechanics, modifying others for simplicity. Some of these moves—



such as Focus Attacks—mimic certain moves without requiring any sort of fancy timing. Mastering the game still requires skill, but the game also includes a "Challenges" mode that teaches you how to use these moves with each character. The game is so accessible that anyone could master it with enough practice, but not so simple that it doesn't require a lot of that practice.

Most of the original cast are back, too. There are fan favourites like Ken, Ryu, Chun-Li, Dhalsim, and Zangief, as well as some characters from the *Street Fighter Alpha* series like Dan and

Sakura. Four new challengers approach this time: Abel, Crimson Viper, Rufus, and El Fuerte. For the most part, these new guys are fun, though not as polished as the older guard. Rufus is particularly enjoyable—there's something satisfying about an incredibly fat man teaching himself martial arts. The only miss in the new lineup is Seth, the game's final boss, who's basically just an amalgam who uses every cheap move in the game.

Now, I mentioned that *SF IV* takes a step forward, and that's with the visuals. While the fighting is entirely on a 2D plane, the graphics and art style

of *Street Fighter* have finally made the jump to 3D. The character models are colourful and vibrant and even a little cartoony—eyes bulge and tongues flap whenever someone gets hit.

The same can't always be said about some of the environments, however. Part of *Street Fighter*'s charm as a series was having iconic, character-specific backgrounds—something definitely lacking in *SF IV*. While some classics got a makeover, like Chun-Li's Chinese market, most of them are sort of bland and forgettable.

The game definitely has a distinct and enjoyable style, but Capcom

missed an opportunity to make the environments truly memorable, which is a shame.

SF IV is a game for everyone who even remotely likes fighting games. Purists and newbies alike will appreciate *SF IV*'s simplicity and depth, while pros who spent years mastering *3rd Strike*'s technicality and level of difficulty won't have their skills go to waste. The art style is unique and it perfectly fits the series, even if they didn't go far enough with it. *Street Fighter* is definitely back in top form, and this newest incarnation is an instant classic.

STUDENT HEALTH PLAN REFERENDUM

Students will vote on the following referendum and plebiscite question on the ballot in the March 4 and 5 students' union election:

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Gospel, cellphones influence Adaline

musicpreview

Adaline
With Daniel Moir and Hector Fector
Thursday, 15 March at 9pm
Brixx Bar & Grill (Starlite Room,
10030-102 St)
\$8 at the door

CHARLIE CRITTENDEN
Arts & Entertainment Staff

"I'm not thinking of Sir Mix-a-Lot when I'm writing," laughs Adaline. It's an odd sentiment, but part of the indie songstress' charm is how her life story requires such clarification. Receiving her early musical training with the Royal Conservatory of Music and her gospel-singing family, Adaline knew little of hip-hop or pop as a child.

It wasn't until high school that she listened to the likes of New Kids on the Block and Sir Mix-a-Lot. But during her university years, she began to turn away from the radio, and her tastes evolved into the silk, layered vocal mix heard in her debut, *Famous For Fire*.

"The thought that gospel and hip hop are influences is funny when you listen to the album, because it doesn't sound like that at all," she says. "It

wasn't until I was 19 or 20 that I was listening to other kinds of music. That's when I stumbled upon the music that was me."

Following university, and a "really horrible serving job," Adaline began phoning around to try and set up shows. Although she had been writing music for years, it was then that she not only had to decide if her dreams were reachable, but if her bills were payable.

"Goals are funny things," she reflects. "When you make long-term goals, they seem so far away. At the time, I'd just quit my job and was really focused on music. Nothing was coming in and I was really feeling discouraged. I got a bill in the mail from my cellular provider, and it was this crazy-high bill. [And I had this] moment of just, 'I can't pay for this bill, I can't pay my bills, what am I doing with my life?'"

After her minor meltdown, the singer called the cellular provider and the operator said that there was an offer that would cut her bill in half. The operator wasn't supposed to give the deal to Adaline, but made an exception out of sympathy.

"Just for someone to be like, 'today's your lucky day.' I was like, 'what is it?,' and she said it was a new promotion they started called Add-A-Line. And I thought it was a name, because of the way she said it. It felt right—and now


it's just this constant struggle of people trying to figure out what my name is."

The operator's kindness reassured Adaline that a few things could go right despite the difficulty of making it as an artist in Canada. She went on to perform shows and built enough momentum to get to the studio—and to cover phone bills. The work hasn't stopped with the production of her album.

"I think people look at an album and don't see all the work behind it," she says. "Sometimes I'm like, 'oh, play? Oh, I write music?'" The business side of it is huge—it's bigger than the music. Because I'm self-managed and I'm completely independent, I have to make that happen for myself."

Adaline has been travelling for while to get to where she is, making it through the depression of unpaid phone bills and the allure of the New Kids on the Block. She's managed to create her own style of music on her own terms, and she remains adamant when asked if the struggle makes sense in the end.

"It's worth it, because of the music and the people, but it's a tough industry. But you don't do something because it's easy or tough, you do it because you love it. It doesn't always make sense as a business strategy. But if we were all just doing things that made sense, then it'd be pretty boring."



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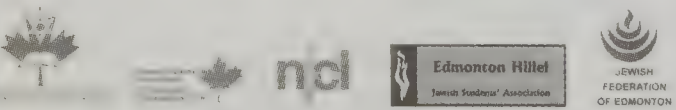


Tzipi Livni

Tory Lecture
Room #11

Wednesday
March 4th, 2009
4 - 6 pm

An understanding and overview of Israel's position in a changing Middle East and the major issues



GFC COMMITTEES: STUDENTS NEEDED

The terms of office for students serving on **General Faculties Council (GFC)** Standing Committees, Appeal Boards and committees to which GFC elects members will expire on April 30, 2009. Undergraduate and graduate students (as noted) are encouraged to apply now to serve on any of the following committees for terms of office beginning May 1, 2009 and ending April 30, 2010. (Some students currently serving on these committees may be seeking re-election to serve additional terms.)

Committee	Student Vacancies	Meeting Times (monthly)
ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (APC): GFC's senior committee dealing with academic, financial and planning issues.	ONE undergraduate & ONE graduate	2:00 pm / 2nd & 4th Wednesdays
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GFC ACADEMIC APPEALS COMMITTEE (AAC) / UNIVERSITY APPEAL BOARD (UAB): GFC AAC hears and decides student appeals regarding academic standing. UAB hears and decides student appeals regarding disciplinary decisions of the Discipline Officer and/or Dean as made under the Code of Student Behaviour.	AAC: TWO undergraduates & THREE graduates UAB: FIVE undergraduates & THREE graduates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students will normally participate in 3 to 4 hearings per year.Hearings are scheduled as needed Monday to Thursday;Hearings normally start at 4:30 or 5:00 PM, and last 3 to 5 hours.Students should have flexible evening schedules two nights a week (including summer months).
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Bears Golden on home court at CIS V-Ball Championship

KRYSTINA SULATYCKI

CIS CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

FRIDAY, 27 FEBRUARY VARSITY REDS vs GOLDEN BEARS

New Brunswick (0)	12	17	21
Alberta (3)	25	25	25

SATURDAY, 28 FEBRUARY BOBCATS vs GOLDEN BEARS

Brandon (0)	20	15	22
Alberta (3)	25	25	25

SUNDAY, 1 MARCH GOLD MEDAL MATCH: ROUGE ET OR vs GOLDEN BEARS

Laval (0)	20	22	17
Alberta (3)	25	25	25

BEARS' INSURMOUNTABLE TASK

For many of the Golden Bears after the game—particularly the now-graduated Tim Gourlay and Joel Schmuland—the insurmountable task of describing the perfect moment took the words right out of their mouths.

"This is extraordinary. This is everything I could've dreamed of and more. The crowd was great, my team was great, and it was awesome," Schmuland said, brimming with elation.

Alberta's road back to the top started on Friday night with an opening round straight-sets win over the New Brunswick Varsity Reds (25-12, 25-17, 25-21), followed up the next night with another dominant performance in a rematch of the Canada West final against the Brandon Bobcats (25-20, 25-15, 25-22).

Both matches served as good indicators of what the Quebec Champions were to expect in the finals, as the Bears came out flying with a consistent offensive rhythm—led by tournament MVP Schmuland and his combined 25 kills in two games, as well as First Team All-Star Mike DeRocco, amongst others—and an even stronger defensive effort.

According to head coach Terry Danyluk, his team was far from perfect in the final, but had the right amount of consistency to capture the all-important win.

"I don't like to use 'perfect'—I thought we were pretty good," Danyluk said with a certain degree of modesty. "We did the things we needed to do and we were efficient, and I like that word in volleyball—you need to be efficient. When everything comes together so well in one night, it's a blessing."

"I don't want to say 'best ever' or any of those things—it was a unique blend of guys and a lot of our wins also reflect our league."

TERRY DANYLUK
GOLDEN BEARS VOLLEYBALL HEAD COACH

The Golden Bears' unwavering momentum in the gold medal match forced the Rouge et Or to adapt their gameplan on the fly, but to little avail. While Laval kept scores close for the better part of sets, Alberta would re-establish four- or five-point leads and maintain them all the way to the end of a set, keeping their Quebec opponents far enough out of reach.

"They don't miss too much," Rouge et Or head

coach Pascal Clément remarked. "We didn't have a choice but to take some risks and, when you take risks, it goes one way or the other—it went bad for us. But it's okay—we'll take a while to think about that. That's sports: yesterday was a great happiness, today is maybe so-so, but we can still be proud of our team."

With all of the 2008/09 season's events now neatly wrapped up for the Bears, Terry Danyluk will have the summer to reflect on the success that his team achieved from start to finish. While he was quick to elude the notion of distinguishing this year's team as the best he's coached in 16 years, his praise for this group of players has grown immensely since the beginning of the season.

"I don't want to say 'best ever' or any of those things—it was a unique blend of guys and a lot of our wins also reflect our league," Danyluk noted. "There are some years where I think we had two or three teams that were very, very strong. This year, I thought we were a little better than the next grouping, but we had seven teams here that were almost the same."

"Knowing that you're going to be hosting, you don't know how guys are going to respond. But, right from day one, we told ourselves 'we want to be good now' and 'we want to be better by the end.'"

CIS MVP Schmuland to shave off beard, raise funds for cancer

NICK FROST
Sports Editor

Aside from all of the storylines that occurred on the court for the Bears volleyball in 2008/09, arguably the most noticeable one off the court was the Grizzly Adams-esque beard being grown by CIS Player of the Year Joel Schmuland.

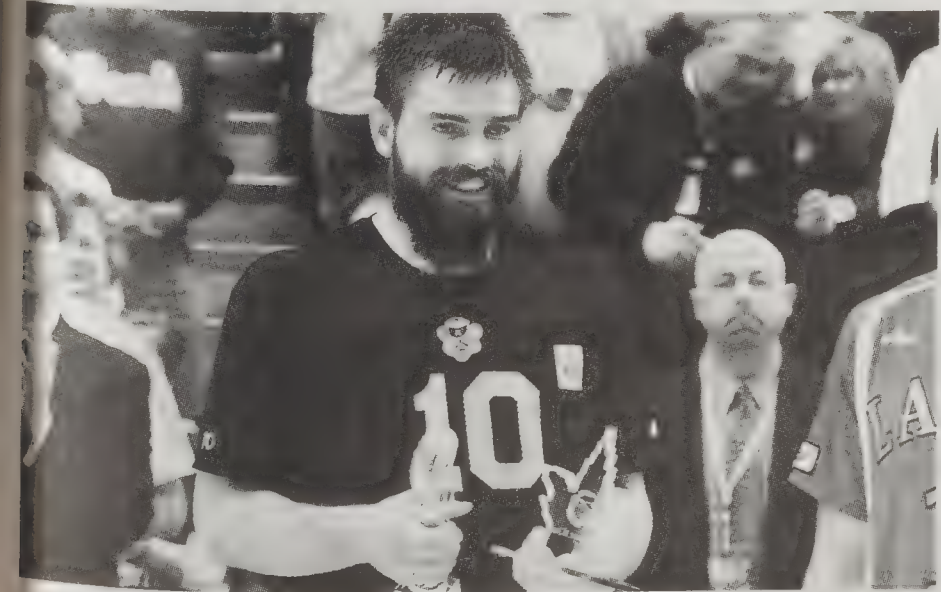
Now that the year is at its end, the time has come—finally—for the "Bearded Menace" to shave off the famous facial hair that has garnered him much attention (and grown several inches off of his chin and neck at last check.) Schmuland, however, has bigger plans than

simply standing in front of the bathroom sink with a razor and a can of shaving cream.

"Next weekend at the Pandas [hockey] game, I think I'm going to try and set up a little booth, and give people the opportunity to take some of it off between periods to raise money for cancer," Schmuland said.

No official details have been set; however, once the buzz around nationals calms down, Schmuland says he'll have a better chance to work things out. And, for him, it can't come soon enough.

"The moustache part is horrible. Absolutely horrible," Schmuland laughed. "I want to get rid of it—this thing is so itchy."



LAUREN STIEGLITZ

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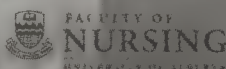
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sportsshots MEDALS EDITION

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Pandas Basketball

The Pandas lead off this week's Sports Shorts list of medalists with a bronze won at the Canada West Final Four at Simon Fraser. On Friday night, Alberta was downed by the host Clan 84-69 in the conference semi-final. Ashley Wigg led the team with 20 points, but it wasn't enough as SFU shot 54 per cent from the field, while the Pandas only made 43 percent of their shots, including only one of eleven three-pointers.

Saturday night's bronze medal game brought yet another battle with the Saskatchewan Huskies and, for the third time in the past two weeks, the Pandas rolled, building up a 43-23 halftime lead en route to an 83-66 win. Nicole Clarke led with 17 points and Alberta posted 15 team steals.

Though Saskatchewan won the regular season series 3-1, the Pandas have now won three of four postseason games with the Huskies when it really counts, including wins by margins of 21, 19, and 17 points. With the victory, Alberta gained the fourth seed in next week's nationals at Regina and will play Laval in a quarterfinal on Friday.

Wrestling

Seven Alberta wrestlers competed at the CIS Championships in Calgary this weekend. Katherine Martin was the lone Panda at the tournament, but that didn't deter her from earning a bronze medal in the 72kg weight class with a three-round decision over Erin Church of Simon Fraser. By herself, Martin won six team points for Alberta and as a result the Pandas finished twelfth in CIS.

On the men's side, Golden Bear Michael Hulbert defeated Paul Rabjohn of Brock University in two rounds to pick up a bronze medal in the 90kg weight class and was the only one out of six male Alberta competitors to make the podium. Overall, the Bears scored 13 team points and finished tenth in CIS. SFU took the men's national title, while Calgary claimed the women's banner.



FILE PHOTO: PETER...

WIGGITY-WHACK Ashley Wigg (7) and the Pandas earned a bronze at SFU

Track and Field

The Pandas track and field team had a number of notable performances at the Canada West Championships in Regina this weekend. Lindsay Bergevin claimed a gold medal in the high jump and a bronze in the pole vault, while Paula Findlay won gold in the 300m and silver in the 1500m track events.

Meanwhile, still with the Pandas, Kathryn McCaffrey took silver in the 60m hurdles, Amanda Schneck earned a bronze in the women's pentathlon, Alana Soderberg secured a bronze in the 100m dash, and the women's 4x800m relay team also brought home bronze. Overall, the Pandas finished in fourth place, while the Bears ended up in sixth. Next up will be the CIS Championships in Windsor from 12-14 March.

Winter Universiade

Both Canadian hockey teams came home from China with Winter Universiade medals. The women's team won gold as they defeated

China 3-1 in the final of the women's hockey event at Universiade. Panda defender Rayanne... for Canada, who outshot the Chinese 39-14 in the game and scored... goals over the seven-game tournament, allowing only seven goals against.

Meanwhile, the men's team brought home silver medals as they defeated the Russians by a 4-2 score in the gold medal final. With just over three minutes left in the third period, Russia broke a 2-2 tie by scoring the goal in 46 seconds, leaving no time for the Canadians to come back.

A huge factor in the... Canada's failure to come out with powerplay, as they had... with the man-advantage... only once.

Both teams return home to begin Canada West hockey next week—the Pandas... UBC Thunderbirds in the... semi-final, while the Bears... through the first round.



SHAUN MOTT

PYRAMID SCHEME McMaster's Mike Sjonnesen and Brandon's Andrew Korol rush the net in Sunday's third-place match

Saxton forgoing CIS career

NICK FROST
Sports Editor

Sunday night's finish in the national championship final was inevitably going to be a bittersweet moment for Tim Gourlay and Joel Schmuland, as it spelled the end of their CIS careers; however, almost no one in the crowd would've anticipated that the same would be true for third-year left-side attacker Ben Saxton. After Alberta's match with Laval, however, Bears head coach Terry Danyluk revealed that Saxton will not be coming back to the varsity squad for the 2009/10 season, choosing instead to return to his roots in beach volleyball.

While discussions between coach and player have been frequent, this decision has been clear in Saxton's mind for some time now.

"Terry and I have been talking for the last three years and we decided together that it was probably best for me to play for the Bears the year that we were hosting, and I'm glad that I did because there's nothing quite

like this moment right now," Saxton recalled.

The 20-year-old native of Balzac, Alberta has earned himself a solid reputation in Canadian beach volleyball despite his age. In his junior year, Saxton fought his way onto the national team and would eventually become a Canadian under-19 beach volleyball champion.

At the moment, along with his playing partner Martin Reader—one of the top players in the sport at the national level who was played all over Europe—the tandem aspire to qualify for the 2012 Summer Olympics in London, England.

While Danyluk knew that this day was inevitable from the time that Saxton arrived at the U of A, he's still grateful for everything that the youngster contributed in his time with the Bears and considers him a significant cog in the team's undefeated season and championship victories.

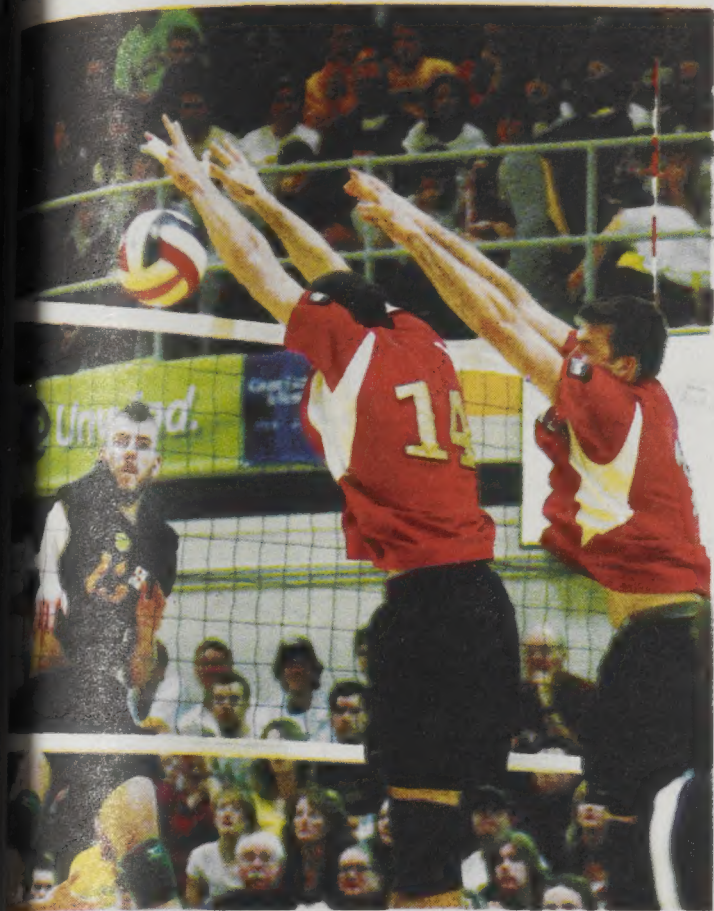
"Ben has been awesome; he was one of the most gifted guys we've seen come out of high school," Danyluk

said. "I originally recruited him as a setter, but when he told me he could leave after year one, year two, year three depending on how his beach career went, I just decided to focus on making him a hitter and utilizing his strength there."

"He's been one of the more consistent performers both offensively and defensively this year, and it allowed us some really good ball control—him and Tim Gourlay together for us were really effective this year."

With the departures of both Saxton and Gourlay, the Bears face the prospect of replacing two critical pieces of their starting core, particularly on the left side of the court. But, Danyluk already sees two current team members that play somewhat similar styles to the outgoing athletes and could be the ones to fill their shoes come September.

"Thomas Jarmoc and Jason DeRocco, I think are going to be in the mould of those two, so I'm looking forward to seeing those guys play next year," Danyluk said.



LAUREN STIEGLITZ

SAXON THE BEACH Ben Saxton (13) will return to beach volleyball next year.

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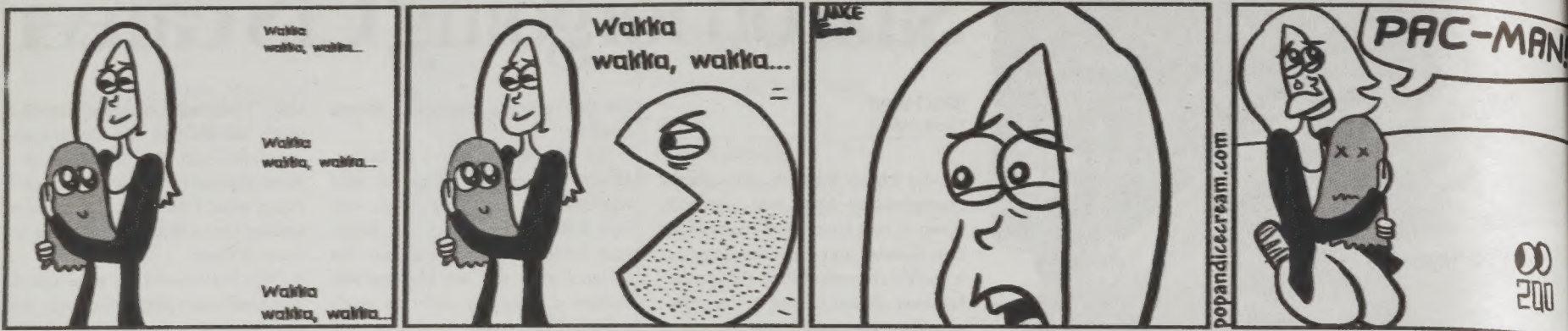
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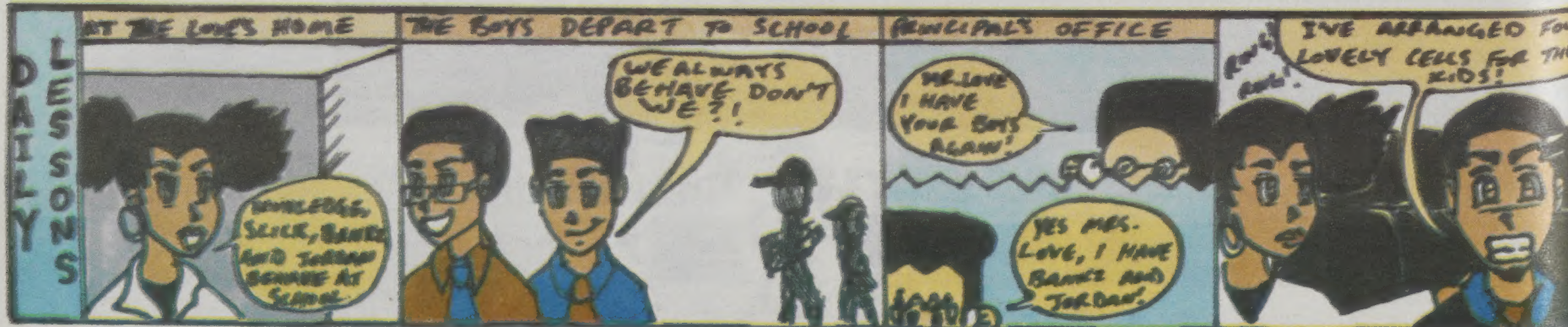
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